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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lung cancer kills 159,000 Americans every year,  
3 more than any other form of cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer;  
5 secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and genetic  
6 disorders have long been known to cause lung cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization's International  
8 Agency for Research on Cancer recently added outdoor air  
9 pollution and particulate matter to the growing list of air  
10 pollutants known to cause lung cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens  
12 is the best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always  
13 avoid them because they are so widespread; and

14 WHEREAS, The 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only  
15 17%, among the lowest of all types of cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer  
17 greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not  
18 diagnosed until their later stages; and

19 WHEREAS, The lung cancer mortality rate for high-risk

1 populations can be lowered by up to 14% through early  
2 detection, including low-dose CT screening; and

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 72,000 American women will  
4 die of lung cancer in 2014, which accounts for 26% of all  
5 female deaths due to cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the deadliest form of cancer in the  
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Every two-and-a-half minutes, someone in the  
9 United States is told that he or she has lung cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, In the last 36 years, the lung cancer death rate  
11 has fallen 28% among men while increasing 98% among women;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we hereby designate November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in  
16 the State of Illinois, and we encourage all residents to learn  
17 more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the American Lung Association.