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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death
3 for both men and women, and within every ethnic population, in
4 Illinois, the United States, and the world; this year, lung
5 cancer killed more Americans than breast, prostate, and colon
6 cancer combined; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2012, an estimated 226,160 new cases of lung
8 cancer were diagnosed in the United States (116,470 among men
9 and 109,640 among women); and

10 WHEREAS, In 2012, there were an estimated 160,340 deaths
11 from lung cancer in the United States (87,750 among men and
12 72,590 among women), accounting for about 27% of all cancer
13 deaths; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2012, there were an estimated 9,190 people
15 diagnosed with lung cancer in the State of Illinois; it is
16 estimated that more than 6,590 residents succumbed to the
17 disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Causes of lung cancer include smoking, secondhand
19 smoke, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, and genetic
20 abnormalities; and

1 WHEREAS, 80% of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people
2 who have never smoked or who have quit smoking; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 90% of lung cancer deaths among men
4 and nearly 80% of lung cancer deaths among women are attributed
5 to smoking; and

6 WHEREAS, Lung cancer has a poor prognosis; even with
7 treatment, people with advanced non-small cell lung cancer have
8 a 5-year survival rate of less than 5%; and

9 WHEREAS, Increased awareness and coordination among all
10 stakeholders, including federal and state governments,
11 providers, patient groups, community leaders and
12 organizations, the public, businesses, and researchers, is
13 critical to promote the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of
14 lung cancer; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month
17 of November of 2013 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State
18 of Illinois.