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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution recognizing the month of November
3 2004 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.
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5 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer
6 death in the state of Florida, and
7 WHEREAS, nearly 12,400 Floridians are expected to die
8 from lung cancer in 2004, and more than an additional 13,000
9 Floridians are expected to be diagnosed with the disease, and
10 WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and other tobacco use is the
11 leading cause of lung cancer, with more than 87 percent of all
12 lung cancer attributed to smoking tobacco products, and
13 WHEREAS, early detection of lung cancer is very
14 difficult, costly, and has not yet been proven to improve
15 survival rates, and
16 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is
17 only 15 percent, and
18 WHEREAS, smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer,
19 cost Florida nearly \$5 billion in directly related health
20 costs and another \$5.4 billion in smoking-caused productivity
21 losses, and
22 WHEREAS, the best known way to prevent lung cancer, the
23 premature deaths associated with lung cancer, and the costs
24 related to this disease is to quit using or prevent the use of
25 tobacco, and
26 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership
27 with the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and youth
28 smokers stop smoking through the proven cessation support of
29 the toll-free Quit-For-Life-Line, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW, NOW,
30 THEREFORE,
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1 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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3 That the month of November 2004 is recognized as Lung
4 Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and all men and women are
5 urged to understand the risks associated with lung cancer, to
6 take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to join the
7 American Cancer Society in promoting better health and
8 lung-cancer prevention through the cessation of smoking and
9 the prevention of future tobacco use.

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