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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 2004 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Florida.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Florida, with nearly 12,400 Floridians expected to die from the disease in 2004 and over 13,000 more expected to be diagnosed with the disease, and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and other tobacco use is the leading cause of lung cancer, with more than 87 percent of all lung cancer attributed to smoking tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 15 percent, and early detection of this disease is not only very difficult and costly, but has not yet been proven to improve survival rates, and

WHEREAS, the best known way to prevent lung cancer and the premature deaths and costs resulting from this disease is to never start using tobacco, and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Florida Tobacco Control Program, smoking rates among Florida's youth have dropped to 57 percent among middle school students and 36 percent among high school students, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and youth smokers stop smoking through the proven cessation support of the toll-free Quit-For-Life-Line, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society is committed to preventing use of and addiction to tobacco by youth, as evidenced by the strong advocacy for

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30 | Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and the Florida Tobacco  
31 | Control Program, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 | Florida:

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36 |       That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of  
37 | November 2004 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and  
38 | urges all Floridians to make themselves more aware of the risk  
39 | of lung cancer associated with tobacco use, to take measures to  
40 | minimize those risks by cessation of and abstinence from tobacco  
41 | use, and to join the American Cancer Society in its efforts to  
42 | promote better health and reduce the incidence of lung cancer.