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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing November 2005 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the state of Florida, and

WHEREAS, nearly 12,440 Floridians will die from lung cancer in 2005 and more than 13,130 Floridians will 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, early detection of lung cancer is very difficult, costly, and has not yet been proven to improve survival rates, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 15 percent, and

WHEREAS, smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer, cost Florida nearly \$6 billion in directly related health costs and another \$5.86 billion in smoking-caused productivity losses, and

WHEREAS, the best-known way to prevent lung cancer, the premature deaths associated with lung cancer, and the costs related to this disease is to prevent youth from starting to use tobacco and helping current smokers to quit, 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 youth use and addiction to

1 tobacco through all scientifically proven methods, including
2 the measures detailed in the Centers for Disease Control and
3 Prevention's recommendations for a fully comprehensive
4 statewide youth tobacco-prevention and cessation program, NOW,
5 THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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9 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of
10 November 2005 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
11 urges all Floridians to understand the risks associated with
12 lung cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks,
13 and to join the American Cancer Society in promoting better
14 health and lung-cancer prevention through the cessation of
15 current smoking and prevention of future tobacco use.

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