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House Resolution

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

WHEREAS, lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer death in Florida, is expected to take the lives of nearly 12,440 Floridians in 2005, and more than 13,130 others will likely be diagnosed with the disease, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 15 percent, and early detection, which is very difficult and costly, has not yet been proven to improve survival rates, and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of lung cancer, with more than 87 percent of all such cases attributed to smoking tobacco products, and smoking-related diseases cost Florida nearly \$6 billion annually in directly related health costs and another \$5.86 billion in smoking-caused productivity losses, and

WHEREAS, the best known prevention of lung cancer, the premature deaths associated with lung cancer, and the costs related to lung cancer is to keep young people from starting the use of tobacco and to help current smokers quit, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and young 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 the prevention of the use of and addiction to tobacco by young people through all scientifically

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29 proven methods, including the measures detailed in the Centers
30 for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for a fully
31 comprehensive statewide youth tobacco-use prevention and
32 cessation program, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That November 2005 is recognized as "Lung Cancer Awareness
38 Month" in Florida and all Floridians are urged to better
39 understand the risks associated with lung cancer, to take
40 preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to join the
41 American Cancer Society in promoting better health and lung
42 cancer prevention through cessation of current smoking and
43 prevention of future tobacco use.