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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing November 2008 as "Lung Cancer
3 Awareness Month."

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5 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death
6 in the State of Florida, and

7 WHEREAS, nearly 12,490 Floridians will die from lung cancer
8 in 2008 and more than 17,360 Floridians will be diagnosed with
9 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 difficult,
14 costly, and has not yet been proven to improve survival rates,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only
17 15 percent, and

18 WHEREAS, smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer,
19 cost Florida nearly \$6.32 billion in directly related health
20 costs and another \$6.47 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 prevent youth from starting to use
25 tobacco and helping current smokers to quit, and

26 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership with
27 the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and youth smokers

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28 | to stop smoking through the proven cessation support of the
29 | toll-free Quit-For-Life-Line, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW, and

30 | WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
31 | Society is committed to preventing youth use of and addiction to
32 | tobacco through all scientifically proven methods, including the
33 | measures detailed in the Centers for Disease Control and
34 | Prevention's recommendations for a fully comprehensive statewide
35 | youth tobacco-use prevention and cessation program, NOW,
36 | THEREFORE,

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38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
39 | Florida:

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41 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of
42 | November 2008 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
43 | urges all Floridians to understand the risks associated with
44 | lung cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks,
45 | and to join the American Cancer Society in promoting better
46 | health and lung-cancer prevention through the cessation of
47 | current smoking and prevention of future tobacco use.