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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating November 2013 as "Lung Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the
6 United States and in the State of Florida, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation in both the
8 number of new lung cancer cases and the number of deaths per
9 year, with approximately 17,960 estimated new cases and an
10 estimated 12,070 expected to die from the disease this year, and

11 WHEREAS, lung cancer causes more deaths than any other
12 cancer, and the 5-year survival rate for all stages of lung
13 cancer combined is only 16 percent, and

14 WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind
15 funding for other cancer research, and

16 WHEREAS, the most significant risk factors for developing
17 lung cancer are cigarette smoking and other tobacco consumption,
18 with more than 87 percent of all lung cancer deaths attributed
19 to smoking tobacco products, and

20 WHEREAS, nearly 50,000 deaths in the United States each
21 year from lung cancer and heart disease are attributed to
22 second-hand smoke exposure, and

23 WHEREAS, established comprehensive tobacco-prevention
24 programs in this state and others have resulted in significant
25 declines in state health care costs and other smoking-caused
26 expenditures and have prevented thousands of people from
27 suffering from a wide range of smoking-related illnesses, and

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28 WHEREAS, the National Lung Cancer Partnership, the only
29 lung cancer advocacy organization founded by physicians and
30 researchers working together with survivors and advocates, is
31 dedicated to decreasing deaths due to lung cancer and to helping
32 patients live longer and better lives through research,
33 awareness, and advocacy, and

34 WHEREAS, the State of Florida demonstrates its commitment
35 by making lung cancer a public health priority, supporting
36 advocacy work on behalf of lung cancer patients and all those at
37 risk for the disease, and offering support and care for all
38 those in our state affected by lung cancer, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41 Florida:

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43 That the month of November 2013 is designated as "Lung
44 Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Florida, and all
45 Floridians are urged to understand and take steps to minimize
46 lung cancer risks and to join the National Lung Cancer
47 Partnership in promoting better health through lung cancer
48 awareness and prevention.