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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing November 1, 2021, as Lung
3 Cancer Awareness Day in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, 235,760
6 Americans will be newly diagnosed with lung cancer in 2021 and
7 an estimated 18,470 Florida residents alone will be diagnosed
8 with lung cancer in 2021, and

9 WHEREAS, any person is at risk for developing lung cancer,
10 as there are many other risk factors aside from smoking,
11 including family history, environmental causes, and other
12 lifestyle factors; for example each year, tens of thousands of
13 nonsmokers are diagnosed with lung cancer, and

14 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has led many patients to
15 postpone regular health appointments, meaning that screening and
16 early detection rates of lung cancer will be lower than prior
17 years, and

18 WHEREAS, research shows that early detection via low-dose
19 CT screening can decrease lung cancer mortality by 14 to 20
20 percent among high-risk populations, however only 3.2 percent of
21 Florida's high-risk population receives screenings for lung
22 cancer, on average, and

23 WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th anniversary of passing
24 the National Cancer Act of 1971, yet screening for and education

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25 | of lung cancer remains low compared to other forms of cancer,
26 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That House of Representatives recognizes November 1, 2021,
32 | as Lung Cancer Awareness Day and encourages Floridians to learn
33 | about their risks for lung cancer, talk to their healthcare
34 | providers about recommended lung cancer screenings, and be
35 | screened with low-dose CT scans as appropriate.