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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise the majority of new cases of lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, 70% of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at a late stage, with a 15% 5-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, Early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols currently exist, but have not been embraced nation-wide as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other, less fatal diseases; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate November of 2010 as "Illinois Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Illinois in order to raise awareness of lung cancer and its effects on Illinois residents and their families; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of this State to help  
2           make lung cancer a national public health priority and offer  
3           compassion to people with lung cancer.