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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in  
2 the United States; and

3           WHEREAS, A devastating disease that can afflict anyone  
4 regardless of gender or ethnicity, lung cancer is the third most  
5 common cause of death in the nation, responsible for one in seven  
6 deaths and claiming approximately 160,000 lives per year; and

7           WHEREAS, Lung cancer accounts for 15 percent of all new  
8 cancer diagnoses, but 28 percent of all cancer deaths; lung cancer  
9 surpassed breast cancer as the number one cancer killer of women in  
10 1987, and nearly 25 years later there is still no established  
11 protocol for its early detection; about 31,000 more women died of  
12 lung cancer than of breast cancer in 2009; and

13           WHEREAS, Learning the risk factors for lung cancer and other  
14 types of cancers can help improve the odds of early detection; risk  
15 factors include family history and smoking, and those who smoke are  
16 strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many smoking cessation  
17 options available today; and

18           WHEREAS, Texans are observing Lung Cancer Awareness Month in  
19 November 2011 in an effort to call attention to these staggering  
20 statistics, to help reduce the prevalence of lung cancer among  
21 Texans through education, and to raise awareness about options for  
22 those seeking to lower their risks; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize November 2011 as Lung Cancer Awareness

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1 Month in Texas.