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Expressing the sense of Congress that the motion picture industry should work to discourage tobacco use among our youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUTHER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. YOUTH TOBACCO USE.**

Whereas addiction to tobacco by our youth represents a serious threat to the individuals using tobacco and to those who inhale second hand smoke as well as the public at large due to the increased health care costs for tobacco related illness;

Whereas efforts to combat tobacco use among our youth is a goal common to antismoking and smokers rights groups alike;

Whereas the President, the Food and Drug Administration, and public and private health officials across the Nation are pursuing an agenda of discouraging youth access to tobacco, and preventing of smoking and tobacco use; and

Whereas while Government officials and agencies, together with the private sector, can provide leadership in efforts to stop youth access to and use of tobacco, success in this endeavor will be greatly enhanced by additional voices and actions from across America: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that all
 3 individuals involved in the motion picture industry, includ-
 4 ing directors, actors, producers, and others, should recog-
 5 nize that the portrayal of tobacco use by actors projects
 6 cultural acceptance that negatively influences children,
 7 and that the industry should use its leadership role and
 8 voluntarily assist in discouraging youth tobacco use by
 9 eliminating the use of tobacco products in its productions,
 10 except for productions which portray the dangers of to-
 11 bacco use.

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