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# H. CON. RES. 322

Recognizing November as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month and expressing the sense of Congress that Federal efforts need to increase in the areas of lung cancer screening and research.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. HOUGHTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing November as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month and expressing the sense of Congress that Federal efforts need to increase in the areas of lung cancer screening and research.

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of both men and women;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health predict that there will be 171,900 new lung cancer cases in 2003, and an estimated 157,200 deaths due to lung cancer in 2003;

Whereas lung cancer kills more people annually than breast, prostate and colorectal cancer combined;

Whereas per person, Federal research funding for breast cancer (\$11,500) is almost 10 times more than research

funding for lung cancer; research funding for prostate cancer (\$8,000) is almost 7 times more than research funding for lung cancer; and research funding for colorectal cancer (\$3,300) is almost twice as much as research funding for lung cancer;

Whereas according to the Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support, Education, studies indicate that women are genetically more susceptible to developing lung cancer than men, and it may develop earlier in life or after less tobacco exposure than men;

Whereas African American men are diagnosed with lung cancer at a rate 40 percent greater than Caucasian men, and the death rate from lung cancer is nearly 50 percent higher in African American men than in Caucasian men;

Whereas individuals are at risk for lung cancer because of cigarette smoking, exposure to secondhand or passive smoke, exposure to radon, industrial and organic substances, air pollution, a family history of lung cancer, and lung disease;

Whereas tobacco addiction is by far the most important risk factor in the development of lung cancer, as cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 different chemicals, many of which are proven carcinogens;

Whereas quitting smoking reduces your risk of lung cancer over time, however, former smokers always remain at higher risk for developing lung cancer than someone who has never smoked; and

Whereas November should be recognized as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) Congress should work with health care pro-  
2       viders and lung cancer advocacy and education orga-  
3       nizations to encourage screening and early detection  
4       of lung cancer; and

5           (2) Congress should increase federal funding  
6       for lung cancer research.

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