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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution recognizing November 2007 as "Lung
3	Cancer Awareness Month."
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5	WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer
6	death in the state of Florida, and
7	WHEREAS, nearly 12,360 Floridians will die from lung
8	cancer in 2007 and more than 17,490 Floridians will be
9	diagnosed with the disease, and
10	WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and other tobacco use is the
11	leading cause of lung cancer, with more than 87 percent of all
12	lung cancer attributed to smoking tobacco products, and
13	WHEREAS, early detection of lung cancer is very
14	difficult, costly, and has not yet been proven to improve
15	survival rates, and
16	WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is
17	only 16 percent, and
18	WHEREAS, smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer,
19	cost Florida nearly \$6.32 billion in directly related health
20	costs and another \$6.47 billion in smoking-caused productivity
21	losses, and
22	WHEREAS, the best-known way to prevent lung cancer, the
23	premature deaths associated with lung cancer, and the costs
24	related to this disease is to prevent youth from starting to
25	use tobacco and helping current smokers to quit, and
26	WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership
27	with the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and youth
28	smokers to stop smoking through the proven cessation support
29	of the toll-free Quit-For-Life-Line, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW, and
30	WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
31	Society is committed to preventing youth use of and addiction

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to tobacco through all scientifically proven methods,
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   including the measures detailed in the Centers for Disease
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   Control and Prevention's recommendations for a fully
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   comprehensive statewide youth tobacco-prevention and cessation
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   program, NOW, THEREFORE,
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   Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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           That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of
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   November 2007 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
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   urges all Floridians to understand the risks associated with
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    lung cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks,
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    and to join the American Cancer Society in promoting better
   health and lung-cancer prevention through the cessation of
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   current smoking and prevention of future tobacco use.
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