

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to educate the public on risk factors and symptoms of lung cancer and to promote lung cancer screening.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, claiming nearly 125,000 lives annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 3,500 Louisianians are diagnosed with lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, one out of three Louisianians who die of cancer will die of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, although cigarette smoking is the number one risk factor for lung cancer, lung cancer can happen in people who have never smoked; and

WHEREAS, in addition to smoking, other risk factors for lung cancer include secondhand smoke, radon and asbestos exposure, air pollution, family history, cancer history, and a history of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or pulmonary fibrosis; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of lung cancer do not usually appear until the disease is already at an advanced stage; and

WHEREAS, many people may mistake lung cancer symptoms for other problems, such as an infection or long-term effects from smoking, which may delay a diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, stage 4 lung cancer is often terminal, with a five-year survival rate of around five percent; and

WHEREAS, if lung cancer is found at an earlier stage, when it is small and before it has spread, it is more likely to be treated successfully.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to educate the public on risk factors and symptoms of lung cancer and promote lung cancer screening.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE