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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

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HEALTH/SMOKING: Commends the surgeon general upon the fiftieth anniversary of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the surgeon general of the United States upon the fiftieth anniversary of the
3	issuance of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.
4	WHEREAS, on January 11, 1964, the first United States governmental report on the
5	negative consequences of smoking was released by then United States Surgeon General Dr.
6	Luther Terry; and
7	WHEREAS, the initial report and thirty subsequent reports released by the United
8	States surgeon general have increased the nation's understanding of the devastating health
9	and financial burdens caused by tobacco use; and
10	WHEREAS, tobacco use causes various types of cancer, heart disease, chronic
11	obstructive pulmonary disease, pregnancy complications, and a host of other diseases and
12	conditions; and
13	WHEREAS, as of January 2014, more than forty-three million adults of the United
14	States smoke, more than eight million of these adults live with a serious illness caused by
15	smoking, and more than four hundred forty thousand people of the United States die
16	prematurely each year as a result of tobacco use; and
17	WHEREAS, the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health has opened the
18	way for a series of important public health initiatives aimed at reducing the burden of
19	tobacco use, including the addition of health warnings to cigarette packages, bans on
20	cigarette advertising in the broadcast media, and the removal of fruit flavoring that appeal
21	to children from cigarettes; and

1 WHEREAS, tobacco control policies and public health initiatives aimed at curbing 2 tobacco use contributed to a decrease in the prevalence of smoking by people of the United 3 States from forty-two percent in 1965, to eighteen percent in 2012; and 4 WHEREAS, tobacco use remains one of the most pressing public health concerns of the United States and is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in 5 6 the United States: and 7 WHEREAS, as discussed in previous surgeon general reports, there are proven health 8 benefits for those who quit smoking; and 9 WHEREAS, just one year after quitting smoking, the risk of a heart attack drops 10 sharply and, within two to five years of quitting smoking, the risk of stroke falls to about the 11 same as a nonsmoker; and 12 WHEREAS, within five years of quitting smoking, the risks for cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder drop by half and the risk for lung cancer drops by half within 13 14 ten years after quitting smoking; and 15 WHEREAS, upon the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the first Surgeon 16 General's Report on Smoking and Health, the Office of the United States Surgeon General 17 continues to work to increase awareness of the lessons learned and the progress that has 18 taken place during the last fifty years of tobacco control efforts. 19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 20 commend the surgeon general of the United States upon the fiftieth anniversary of the 21 issuance of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 23 to Acting Surgeon General Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak.

DIGEST

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Hoffmann HCR No. 105

Commends the U.S. surgeon general upon the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.