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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR MIZELL

PUBLIC HEALTH. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to educate the public on risk factors and symptoms of lung cancer and to promote lung cancer screening.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, many people may mistake lung cancer symptoms for other problems,

1 such as an infection or long-term effects from smoking, which may delay a diagnosis; and

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

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

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

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