

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare November 2008 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and to recognize the importance of understanding lung cancer issues.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, causing thirty percent of all cancer death; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer among African Americans, Asians, Caucasians, and Hispanic males, claiming over one hundred and sixty thousand American lives in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, an estimated thirty-seven hundred citizens will be diagnosed with lung cancer and of those diagnosed an estimated twenty-nine hundred will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer will kill three times as many men as prostate cancer this year; it will kill nearly twice as many women as breast cancer this year, and over fifty percent of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at a very late stage with only five percent of them living for five years; and

WHEREAS, Lung Cancer Awareness Month is a national campaign dedicated to increasing attention to lung cancer issues; and

WHEREAS, those involved in Lung Cancer Awareness Month provide much needed support and attention to a disease that each year kills more people than breast, colon, kidney, liver, melanoma, pancreas and prostate cancers combined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, in recognition of the importance in understanding lung cancer issues, does hereby declare November 2008 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby urge all citizens to show support and attention to the leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Lung Cancer Alliance.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES