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Expressing support for the goals of November National Lung Cancer Awareness Month and for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals of November National Lung Cancer Awareness Month and for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among individuals in the United States, accounting for more deaths than breast cancer, prostate cancer, and melanoma cancer combined;

Whereas it is estimated that, in 2023, 238,340 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and an estimated 127,070 individuals (approximately 350 individuals per day) will die from the disease;

Whereas 1 in 16 men and 1 in 17 women in the United States will develop lung cancer during their lifetimes;

Whereas the rate of lung cancer diagnosis in women in the United States has increased by 84 percent over the past 42 years and each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and ovarian cancer combined;

Whereas disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well-documented, and Black men have the highest incidence of lung cancer and the highest mortality rate from lung cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas in 2023, lung cancer in individuals who have never smoked is estimated to account for 20,500 deaths in the United States;

Whereas women who have never smoked are more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer than men who have never smoked;

Whereas in the United States, the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in individuals who have never smoked is increasing, especially among younger women;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 62.8 percent, yet only 23.3 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage, while a majority of lung cancer cases are diagnosed at the distant stage, for which the 5-year survival rate is 8.2 percent;

Whereas screening individuals at high risk of lung cancer using low-dose computed tomography can detect lung cancer earlier than other forms of screening and ultimately save lives;

Whereas veterans are 25 percent more likely to develop lung cancer than the general public and, while over 1,000,000 veterans are eligible for lung cancer screening, less than

3 percent undergo lung cancer screening by low-dose computed tomography;

Whereas lung cancer screening can effectively reduce lung cancer mortality, yet upwards of only 7.2 percent of individuals in the United States at risk for lung cancer undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography;

Whereas current lung cancer screening guidelines help identify cancer early for individuals at high risk of lung cancer, leading to a higher likelihood of successful treatment, but can preclude screening for individuals who develop lung cancer, including individuals who have never smoked but have other risk factors, such as family history of lung cancer, exposure to secondhand smoke, or exposure to radon, which is the second-leading cause of lung cancer; and

Whereas educational efforts can increase awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients and their families, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the purposes and ideals of Na-
3 tional Lung Cancer Awareness Month;

4 (2) promotes efforts to increase awareness of,
5 and education about, lung cancer among individuals
6 in the United States;

7 (3) champions efforts to increase lung cancer
8 screening by raising awareness among, and improv-

1 ing access for, individuals who are eligible for lung
2 cancer screening;

3 (4) recognizes the need for research on the
4 early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of lung
5 cancer; and

6 (5) encourages the people of the United States
7 to observe National Lung Cancer Awareness Month
8 with appropriate awareness and educational activi-
9 ties.

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