

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 335 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a substitute text and an amendment to
the title)**

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 335

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality rate by at least 50 percent by 2015.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality rate by at least 50 percent by 2015.

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, accounting for 28 percent of all cancer deaths;

Whereas lung cancer kills more people annually than breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, liver cancer, melanoma, and kidney cancer combined;

Whereas, since the National Cancer Act of 1971 (Public Law 92–218; 85 Stat. 778), coordinated and comprehensive research has raised the 5-year survival rates for breast cancer to 88 percent, for prostate cancer to 99 percent, and for colon cancer to 64 percent;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is still only 15 percent and a similar coordinated and comprehensive research effort is required to achieve increases in lung cancer survivability rates;

Whereas 60 percent of lung cancer cases are now diagnosed in nonsmokers or former smokers;

Whereas $\frac{2}{3}$ of nonsmokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women;

Whereas certain minority populations, such as Black males, have disproportionately high rates of lung cancer incidence and mortality, notwithstanding their lower smoking rate;

Whereas members of the baby boomer generation are entering their sixties, the most common age at which people develop cancer;

Whereas tobacco addiction and exposure to other lung cancer carcinogens such as Agent Orange and other herbicides and battlefield emissions are serious problems among military personnel and war veterans;

Whereas the August 2001 Report of the Lung Cancer Progress Review Group of the National Cancer Institute stated that funding for lung cancer research was “far below the levels characterized for other common malig-

nancies and far out of proportion to its massive health impact”;

Whereas the Report of the Lung Cancer Progress Review Group identified as its “highest priority” the creation of integrated, multidisciplinary, multi-institutional research consortia organized around the problem of lung cancer rather than around specific research disciplines; and

Whereas the United States must enhance its response to the issues raised in the Report of the Lung Cancer Progress Review Group: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes lung cancer as a public health
3 priority and the importance of taking steps toward
4 reducing the lung cancer mortality rate by at least
5 half by 2015;

6 (2) acknowledges the importance of the rec-
7 ommendations of the Lung Cancer Progress Review
8 Group of the National Cancer Institute;

9 (3) encourages increased investment for lung
10 cancer research and other lung cancer-related pro-
11 grams;

12 (4) supports efforts to develop a broad-based
13 lung cancer screening and disease management pro-
14 gram among members of the Armed Forces and vet-
15 erans; and

1 (5) recognizes the benefit of graduate medical
2 education programs in thoracic medicine and
3 cardiothoracic surgery.

Amend the title so as to read: “Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to lung cancer as a public health priority and the recommendations of the Lung Cancer Progress Review Group of the National Cancer Institute.”.