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By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the creation of a Kansas plan for
2 comprehensive treatment of chronic obstructive
3 pulmonary disease.

4 WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a
5 chronic disease of the lung which cannot be cured; and

6 WHEREAS, At least 24 million Americans have COPD and data
7 suggest that as many as 12 million more Americans may have the
8 symptoms of COPD but are undiagnosed; and

9 WHEREAS, COPD was the third leading cause of death in the year
10 ~~2000 and is projected to be the third leading cause of death in the year~~
11 ~~2010~~ **2012**; and

12 WHEREAS, Costs attributed to COPD were projected to be \$49.9
13 billion in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 70% of individuals living with COPD are
15 under age 65; and

16 WHEREAS, COPD is the second leading cause of disability; and

17 WHEREAS, Up to 70% of the costs of COPD are due to
18 hospitalizations which can largely be prevented; and

19 WHEREAS, COPD is a leading cause of death in Kansas with as
20 many as 146.5 persons admitted to the hospital for every 100,000 persons
21 in Kansas; and

22 WHEREAS, The main causes of COPD are smoking, dust, chemicals
23 in the air and genetic disposition; and

24 WHEREAS, COPD is treatable and manageable; and

25 WHEREAS, It would behoove the state to develop and maintain a
26 COPD prevention and education state plan: Now, therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*

28 That the Kansas department of health and environment **is encouraged to**
29 create a comprehensive COPD prevention and education state plan which
30 shall create and foster public awareness and increase knowledge
31 concerning the causes of COPD, the importance of early diagnosis,
32 effective prevention and disease management. Such plan shall outline
33 sustainable solutions for reducing the burden of COPD in Kansas through
34 the coordinated implementation of multiple strategies. These strategies
35 shall include, without limitation, recommendations for:

36 (1) The prevention and early detection of COPD to reduce the

1 incidence of the disease; and

2 (2) the treatment and management of COPD to ensure that health
3 care providers offer state-of-the-art care, including increased access to
4 nonpharmacologic therapies for COPD; and

5 (3) increasing public awareness, patient education and proper
6 medical management of COPD among the general public and those living
7 with COPD; and;

8 (4) improving COPD outcomes in Kansas through increases in
9 COPD funding and resources, as well as ongoing effective advocacy by
10 government leaders and people with COPD; and

11 ~~*Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas department of health and
12 environment annually perform a COPD needs assessment; and~~

13 ~~*Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas department of health and
14 environment hold an annual summit regarding COPD to be held in
15 partnership with the state COPD coalition; and~~

16 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
18 secretary of health and environment.