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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lung disease has grown steadily over the last
3 three decades and women are bearing a disproportionate share of
4 the health risk; and

5 WHEREAS, Gender differences in lung health prompted the
6 American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago to create
7 Catch Your Breath, a year-round educational initiative; and

8 WHEREAS, The number of women diagnosed with chronic
9 obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), largely emphysema and
10 chronic bronchitis, has surged ahead of men; and

11 WHEREAS, In a recent 14-year period, asthma rates among
12 women jumped 97%, compared to a 22% increase in men; and

13 WHEREAS, When it comes to lung cancer, more women die from
14 the disease than from any other type of cancer, and female
15 smokers may be twice as likely to develop lung cancer than male
16 smokers; and

17 WHEREAS, For the first time in 2000, more women died from
18 COPD than men; more than 80,000 American women are affected by
19 lung cancer each year, and more than 70,000 die from the
20 disease each year; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2003, 11.6 million females had asthma compared
2 to 8.2 million males, and cigarette smoking kills an estimated
3 178,000 women in the United States annually; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association of Metropolitan
5 Chicago's Catch Your Breath Initiative advocates for
6 legislative change and increased funding for research, and
7 educates people about the impact of lung disease on women; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association of Metropolitan
9 Chicago will be hosting the Catch Your Breath, Women and Lung
10 Health Conference on Wednesday, May 2, 2007; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim May 2, 2007 as Catch
14 Your Breath Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we commend the conference and that all
16 members of the Conference of Women Legislators be listed as
17 Honorary Committee Members for the event.