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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 recognize the 5th anniversary of the Smoke Free Illinois Act on
4 January 1, 2013, and to proclaim the month of January as Smoke
5 Free Illinois Month; and

6 WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is a major health hazard and
7 there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke;
8 approximately 50,000 deaths each year are attributable to
9 secondhand smoke exposure according to the U.S. Surgeon
10 General, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
11 the National Cancer Institute; and

12 WHEREAS, Separate smoking areas, air cleaning, or
13 ventilation does not eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke;
14 smoke-free policies are the only effective protection from
15 exposure to secondhand smoke and smoke-free laws provide
16 immediate health benefits, most notably a decline in heart
17 attack hospitalizations; and

18 WHEREAS, Hospitalizations in Illinois for tobacco-related
19 diseases have declined since the Smoke Free Illinois Act was
20 enacted; it is estimated that more than 35,000 heart disease
21 hospitalizations among Illinois residents have been prevented
22 because of the Smoke Free Illinois Act, resulting in an

1 estimated savings of \$1.8 billion in hospital costs alone,
2 according to Illinois Department of Health data; and

3 WHEREAS, The Smoke Free Illinois Act protects all residents
4 and visitors regardless of where they work or play and it
5 attracts visitors from states with little or no protection from
6 secondhand smoke; and

7 WHEREAS, The health and economic benefits of the Illinois
8 Smoke Free Act are widely recognized; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 5th
11 anniversary of the Smoke Free Illinois Act and proclaim the
12 month of January as Smoke Free Illinois Month to remind the
13 public about the benefits of protecting everyone from the
14 health risks associated with secondhand smoke and the
15 importance of prohibiting smoking in all public places and
16 workplaces; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Smoke Free Illinois Coalition as an expression
19 of our esteem and respect.