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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1    Joining in the observance of the Great American Smokeout on  
2       November 21, 2002.

3       WHEREAS, It has become common knowledge that cigarette  
4    smoking is damaging to health; and

5       WHEREAS, Smoking has been implicated in cancers of the mouth,  
6    pharynx, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, cervix, kidney and  
7    bladder, and statistics reveal that each day nearly 3,000  
8    teenagers in the United States become regular smokers; and

9       WHEREAS, During the past 24 years, millions of smokers have  
10   participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American  
11   Smokeout, a day on which smokers give up cigarettes and tobacco  
12   products for 24 hours; and

13       WHEREAS, The focus of the Great American Smokeout has evolved

1 from simply helping adults quit smoking to helping children and  
2 teenagers understand they should never start smoking in the  
3 first place; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of these participants were residents of  
5 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, A substantial number of them gave up cigarettes for  
7 the day and many went on to give up the habit entirely; and

8 WHEREAS, This demonstration of success suggests that the  
9 Great American Smokeout, while lighthearted in approach, has  
10 potential for improving the health of the people of this  
11 Commonwealth; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join in the  
13 observance of the Great American Smokeout on November 21, 2002,  
14 and encourage all Pennsylvanians to do likewise.