

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Designating November 2020 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month”
and expressing support for the early detection of lung cancer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Awareness Month” and expressing support for the early
detection of lung cancer.

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related
death among men and women in the United States, ac-
counting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast can-
cer, and prostate cancer combined;

Whereas lung cancer is the second most common cancer in
the United States;

Whereas it is estimated that 1 in 15 men and 1 in 17 women
in the United States will develop lung cancer during their
lifetime;

Whereas it is estimated that in 2020, 228,820 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and 135,720 individuals will die from the disease;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is around 59 percent, yet only about 17 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage;

Whereas screening individuals at high risk of lung cancer using low-dose computed tomography can detect lung cancer earlier than other forms of screening and ultimately save lives;

Whereas lung cancer screening can effectively reduce lung cancer mortality, yet only 3.9 to 8.6 percent of individuals in the United States at high risk of lung cancer undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography; and

Whereas educational efforts can increase awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients and their families, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates November 2020 as “National
3 Lung Cancer Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Lung Cancer Awareness Month;

6 (3) promotes efforts to increase awareness of,
7 and education about, lung cancer and lung cancer
8 screening among individuals in the United States;

1 (4) recognizes the need for research on the
2 early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of lung
3 cancer; and

4 (5) encourages the people of the United States
5 to observe National Lung Cancer Awareness Month
6 with appropriate awareness and educational activi-
7 ties.