

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

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3 A Concurrent Resolution supporting federal efforts to  
4 restrict the sale and distribution of tobacco  
5 products to protect children.

6 WHEREAS, more children today will die as adults  
7 from tobacco use than from any other single cause,  
8 including AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders,  
9 suicides, illegal drugs, and fires combined; and

10 WHEREAS, smoking rates are rising among young  
11 people, with the percentage of eighth graders who  
12 smoke increasing to 30 percent between 1991 and 1994;  
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14 WHEREAS, every day another 3,000 young people start  
15 to smoke, nearly 1,000 of whom will become addicted  
16 and ultimately die from lung cancer, heart disease, or  
17 other tobacco-related causes; and

18 WHEREAS, the tobacco industry spends over \$6  
19 billion per year on advertisements and promotions  
20 that, whether intentional or not, have the effect of  
21 encouraging children to use tobacco products; and

22 WHEREAS, the three most heavily advertised  
23 cigarette brands are the brands chosen by five out of  
24 every six underage smokers; and

25 WHEREAS, state and local laws restricting tobacco  
26 sales to minors are routinely ignored; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
28 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly supports  
29 President Clinton's common-sense goal and  
30 corresponding regulatory proposal to decrease tobacco

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1 use by children by reducing the access and appeal of  
2 tobacco products to children.

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