

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143
2 BY WHITAKER, STEVENS, BELL, COHOON, SWAIM,
3 D. TAYLOR, THOMAS, MILLER, MERTZ, SMITH, KUHN, FOEGE,
4 WHITEAD, LYKAM, WENDT, GREIMANN, JACOBY, LENSING,
5 HOGG, SHOMSHOR, and OSTERHAUS
6 A Resolution urging all Iowans to kick the habit of
7 smoking.
8 WHEREAS, nearly one-third of all cancer deaths are
9 related to tobacco use according to the National
10 Cancer Institute; and
11 WHEREAS, the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids
12 reports that 4,600 Iowans die each year from tobacco-
13 related causes and that tobacco use costs Iowa
14 business \$824 million per year in lost productivity,
15 and costs the Iowa Medicaid system \$235 million per
16 year; and
17 WHEREAS, the same report estimates that 23 percent
18 of Iowa adults and 27 percent of Iowa high school
19 students smoke cigarettes; and
20 WHEREAS, 9,400 Iowa young people under 18 years of
21 age start smoking each year; and
22 WHEREAS, secondhand smoke increases upper
23 respiratory infections, aggravates asthma, and causes
24 heart disease and cancer in nonsmokers who are exposed
25 to the secondhand smoke; and
26 WHEREAS, Just Eliminate Lies clubs have been
27 established at schools throughout the state to dispel
28 the untruths spread by tobacco companies that would
29 have consumers believe that smoking is an acceptable
30 human behavior; and

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1 WHEREAS, tobacco use causes more deaths per year
2 than alcohol, illegal drugs, car accidents, AIDS,
3 suicides, fires, and murders combined; and

4 WHEREAS, tobacco use is the most preventable cause
5 of serious illness; and

6 WHEREAS, the Iowa Quitline has been established to
7 help smokers quit by calling 1-866-U-CAN-TRY; NOW
8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That Wednesday, March 31, 2004, shall be declared Iowa
11 Kick Butts Day and that all Iowans who smoke are
12 encouraged to quit smoking for the day and to take
13 serious steps to quit smoking for good.

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