HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4624, by Representative Moeller

WHEREAS, In 2015, over a half million people will die of cancer in the United States making it the nation's second leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, Of all cancer deaths, more people in the United States die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, over 200,000 people in the United States were diagnosed with lung cancer and over 150,000 people in the United States died from lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, African American males are more likely to die from lung cancer than any other racial or ethnic population; and

WHEREAS, While the number of deaths from cancer has declined for men, except men of color, the number of lung cancer rates for women have been rising; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the human costs, the direct medical costs of cancer have been estimated to be around ninety billion dollars per year, with lung cancer representing a significant portion of those costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the effects that lung cancer has had on Washington residents and honor those who are living with the disease and those who are caring for them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the American Cancer Society and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4624 adopted by the House of Representatives

March 16, 2015

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk