

STATE OF TENNESSEE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1041

By Representatives Armstrong, Hensley, Favors, Pitts, Stewart

and

Senators Marrero, Harper, Barnes, Ford

A RESOLUTION relative to the Tennessee Department of Health and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

WHEREAS, in 2008, 12.1 million U.S. adults (aged 18 and over) were estimated to have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), including 208,014 individuals in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, COPD, a serious, progressive disease, which includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema, or both, robs people of their ability to breathe and kills more Americans each year than breast cancer and diabetes combined; and

WHEREAS, COPD is the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for 120,970 deaths in 2006; and

WHEREAS, COPD can be controlled and progression slowed with proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute projects the cost for COPD in 2010 to be \$49.9 billion, including \$29.5 billion in direct health care expenditures, \$8.0 billion in indirect morbidity costs, and \$12.4 billion in indirect mortality costs; and

WHEREAS, the environment and good COPD care are critical to the quality of life of our citizens with COPD; and

WHEREAS, the State bears a responsibility in matters of public health which includes the quality of life for our citizens with COPD and those citizens who are at risk for COPD; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby hope the Tennessee Department of Health will consider working in the best interests of the public health of our citizens with COPD and those citizens who are at risk for COPD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tennessee Department of Health should continue to:

- (a) strengthen its ongoing programs such as its smoking cessation programs that can directly have an impact on the prevalence of COPD;

(b) work with state and local groups and providers to find more effective ways to educate Tennesseans about the causes and results of COPD;

(c) review current programs, new models, and new sources of funding that can assist the Department of Health in its ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of the citizens as it relates to the prevention of COPD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the commissioner of the department of health with this final clause omitted from such copy.

ADOPTED: June 9, 2010



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: June 21, 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR