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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
10 SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

### 11 Subtitle

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15 SMOKING AND HEALTH.  
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18 WHEREAS, January 11, 2004, marks the fortieth anniversary of the  
19 Surgeon General's landmark report on smoking and health; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the report was the first widely-publicized official  
22 recognition that cigarette smoking is a cause of cancer and other serious and  
23 deadly diseases; and  
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25 WHEREAS, an estimated nineteen thousand seven hundred (19,700) Arkansas  
26 citizens die prematurely each year from tobacco-related illnesses and one-  
27 third (1/3) of all cancer deaths are tobacco-related; and  
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29 WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is the third (3rd) leading preventable cause  
30 of death in the United States, killing thirty-eight thousand (38,000) to  
31 sixty-five thousand (65,000) nonsmokers every year; and  
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33 WHEREAS, cigarette smoking in the United States causes about thirty  
34 percent (30%) of cancer deaths and four hundred forty thousand (440,000)  
35 premature deaths annually; and  
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1           WHEREAS, an estimated \$157 billion in annual health-related economic  
2 losses are attributable to smoking; and

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4           WHEREAS, many of the detrimental effects of smoking can be prevented or  
5 reversed by quitting smoking; and

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7           WHEREAS, smokers who quit by age thirty-five (35) avoid ninety percent  
8 (90%) of the risk attributable to tobacco; and

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10          WHEREAS, smoking cessation programs provide large health care benefits  
11 at a low cost, and the estimated savings from reduced health care costs pay  
12 for cessation efforts in three (3) to four (4) years; and

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14          WHEREAS, smoking among adults decreased by an average of one percent  
15 (1%) per year from 1993 to 2000; and

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17          WHEREAS, although smoking is the most preventable cause of death, in  
18 1995 two million (2,000,000) people died from smoking-related diseases; and

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20          WHEREAS, tobacco use in the United States is responsible for nearly one  
21 (1) in five (5) deaths,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27          THAT the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fourth General Assembly  
28 of the State of Arkansas honors the fortieth anniversary of the landmark  
29 Surgeon General's report on smoking and health, which widely publicized the  
30 dangerous and often deadly effects of smoking.