

House Resolution 1510

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd, Fludd of the 64th, McClain of the 100th, Williams of the 168th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending CVS Caremark's decision to stop selling tobacco products;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the company's move was yet another sign of its metamorphosis into becoming
4 more of a health care provider than a largely retail business; and

5 WHEREAS, with approximately 26,000 pharmacists and nurse practitioners helping patients
6 manage chronic problems like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and heart disease, all
7 of which are linked to smoking, CVS Caremark came to the decision that cigarettes and
8 providing health care do not belong in the same setting; and

9 WHEREAS, the company does not sell electronic cigarettes, the highly popular but debated
10 devices that deliver nicotine without tobacco and emit a rapidly vanishing vapor instead of
11 smoke; CVS Caremark said it was waiting for guidance from the Food and Drug
12 Administration concerning the devices; and

13 WHEREAS, according to secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, each
14 day, some 3,200 children under 18 will try a cigarette and 700 will go on to become daily
15 smokers, meaning that 5.6 million American children alive today will die premature deaths
16 because of diseases linked to smoking; and

17 WHEREAS, the company hopes to make up some of the lost revenue and income with a
18 smoking cessation program that it is starting this spring, with the goal being to get half a
19 million Americans to stop smoking.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend CVS Caremark for its decision to stop the sales of

22 cigarette and tobacco products in its stores in an effort promote the health and well-being of
23 its customers.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.