

House Resolution 1620

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the American Lung Association upon its 120th year
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1904 as the National Association for the Study and Prevention of
4 Tuberculosis, the American Lung Association is the oldest voluntary health organization in
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1918, the association changed its name to the National Tuberculosis
7 Association, and it began funding lung disease research in 1921; and

8 WHEREAS, the association officially expanded its focus to include respiratory diseases
9 besides tuberculosis in 1956 and changed its name to the American Lung Association in
10 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association has since made several significant contributions
12 to public health, including the development of the Freedom from Smoking® program in
13 1982, its involvement in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement in 1998, and the launch
14 of the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Centers network in 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association has further played a key role in advancements
16 such as the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Supreme Court ruling in 2001 that
17 set the protection of public health as the sole basis for national air quality standards; and

18 WHEREAS, recent achievements include the Talk About Vaping campaign in 2019, the
19 FDA's proposal to remove menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars from the market in 2022,
20 and the creation of the American Lung Association Research Institute in 2023; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished organization be
22 appropriately honored during this special time for its decades of outstanding service as the
23 trusted champion of lung health.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate the American Lung Association upon the grand
26 occasion of its 120th year anniversary, commend it for its innumerable contributions to this
27 country's public health, and extend sincere best wishes for many more years of success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 American Lung Association.