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Encouraging a combination of State legislative efforts and strong health education programs and activities to discourage smoking in children and adolescents.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUSSLE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging a combination of State legislative efforts and strong health education programs and activities to discourage smoking in children and adolescents.

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day more than 3,000 individuals under the age of 18 become regular tobacco users;

Whereas tobacco use increases the danger of health problems, including cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and high blood pressure; and

Whereas educating people at an early age about the health risks of tobacco use will encourage them to have healthy lifestyles as adults: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress encourages—

3 (1) continued efforts by States to—

4 (A) establish and implement laws and reg-
5 ulations that prohibit the sale of tobacco and
6 tobacco products to and the use of tobacco and
7 tobacco products by individuals under the age
8 of 18; and

9 (B) restrict access to tobacco and tobacco
10 products by individuals under the age of 18;

11 (2) promotion of a healthy lifestyle, by individ-
12 uals with direct influence on children and adoles-
13 cents such as parents, teachers, religious leaders,
14 and friends, through education about the use of to-
15 bacco and tobacco products; and

16 (3) coordination of efforts to promote child and
17 adolescent health through education about the use of
18 tobacco and tobacco products, by States, public and
19 private service organizations, community groups,
20 schools, religious entities, health professionals, and
21 families.

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