

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 333.**

A resolution to declare November 14, 2012, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, Chronic lung disease, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), is a slow, progressive and irreversible disease of the airways that affects over 24 million Americans; and

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the third leading cause of death in the nation; and

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease kills more than 120,000 Americans each year and causes one death every 4 minutes; and

Whereas, More than 75% of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease cases in the United States are attributed to smoking and are easily preventable; and

Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 14, 2012, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize that the citizens of Michigan deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, informed, and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health.