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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control,
3 heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women, and
4 people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Every 36 seconds, one person dies in the United
7 States from cardiovascular disease; about 655,000 Americans
8 die from heart disease each year, which accounts for one in
9 every four deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, Including the cost of health care services,
11 medicines, and lost productivity, the costs of heart disease
12 to the United States are estimated in the hundreds of billions
13 of dollars; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, someone has a heart attack
15 every 40 seconds; every year, approximately 805,000 Americans
16 have a heart attack with about 605,000 being a first heart
17 attack; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, an
19 estimated 80 percent of heart disease is preventable; and

20 WHEREAS, While nationwide programs assist in awareness and

1 education, it is imperative that each state increase its
2 efforts locally, regionally, and statewide to educate its
3 citizens about heart disease, including how to prevent it and
4 how to keep our hearts healthy; and

5 WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson, who suffered from a
6 heart attack, issued the first proclamation declaring February
7 to be American Heart Month in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness of heart health is important
9 to reducing the prevalence of heart disease and heart attacks;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Promoting annual heart wellness checks, including
12 cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar tests, would
13 increase the chances of preventing the onset of heart attack
14 or heart disease; and

15 WHEREAS, A new test, the coronary calcium scan or heart
16 scan, helps reveal a person's risk of heart disease before
17 other warning signs appear by assisting the doctor in
18 detecting and measuring calcium containing plaque in the
19 arteries; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we acknowledge the importance of heart health, including the
2 importance of coronary calcium scans or heart scans, in
3 preventing the onset of a heart attack or heart disease, and we
4 acknowledge the need to increase education and awareness of
5 heart health locally, regionally, and throughout the State of
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we encourage citizens to obtain critical
8 annual heart wellness tests.