



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives  
3 of more than 250,000 Americans before they reach a hospital; it  
4 strikes people of all levels of fitness, and it usually strikes  
5 without warning; and

6 WHEREAS, Most often, sudden cardiac arrest is caused by an  
7 abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation that  
8 prevents the heart from pumping blood; and

9 WHEREAS, The treatment for ventricular fibrillation is  
10 defibrillation, which is the delivery of an electric shock to  
11 the heart that stops ventricular fibrillation and allows a  
12 normal heart rhythm to resume; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing defibrillation on-site with an  
14 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can significantly  
15 increase survival rates for ventricular fibrillation cardiac  
16 arrest; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is a national  
18 voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability  
19 and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and it is  
20 dedicated to helping businesses and communities establish  
21 on-site AED programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association and its volunteers  
23 have assisted in the establishment of AED programs at the  
24 Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate by  
25 providing life-saving CPR and AED training for General Assembly  
26 employees in 2004 and again in 2005; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we commend the American Heart Association for its efforts to

1 save lives through education and training, and we thank the  
2 American Heart Association and its volunteers for providing CPR  
3 and AED training for General Assembly employees; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the Greater Midwest Affiliate of the American  
7 Heart Association as an expression of our gratitude for its  
8 role in providing heart-health education and life-saving  
9 training.