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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading  
3 cause of death, and strokes are the third leading cause of  
4 death; and

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WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of  
6 over 460,000 American females (about one death per minute) each  
7 year; and

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WHEREAS, Each year, 53% of all cardiovascular disease  
9 deaths occur in females, as compared to 47% in men, and about  
10 32,800 more females than males die from a stroke; and

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WHEREAS, In 2007 the estimated direct and indirect cost of  
12 cardiovascular diseases and strokes in the US is estimated at  
13 \$431.8 billion; and

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WHEREAS, More women die of cardiovascular disease than the  
15 next five leading causes of death combined, including all  
16 cancers; and

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WHEREAS, Only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease  
18 their greatest health risk; and

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WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month;

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2 WHEREAS, Go Red For Women is the American Heart  
3 Association's national call to increase awareness about heart  
4 disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire  
5 women to take charge of their heart health; and

6 WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for  
7 heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart  
8 Association's Go Red For Women Heart Checkup and by talking to  
9 their healthcare providers; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in  
12 recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against  
13 heart disease and stroke we proclaim February 2007 and each  
14 February hereafter to be "Go Red for Women Month" in the State  
15 of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, We urge all citizens to show their support for  
17 women and the fight against heart disease and stroke and to  
18 increase their awareness and empower women to reduce their risk  
19 for cardiovascular disease and stroke so that thousands of  
20 lives can be saved each year.