

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, in recognizing February, 2003, as American Heart Month; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Heart Association is a nonprofit health organization that is dedicated to the reduction of disability and death from heart disease and stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, Responsible for almost 40 percent of deaths in Texas, cardiovascular disease is the number-one cause of death in our state, claiming more than 55,000 lives each year; the number-three cause of death in Texas is strokes; and

**WHEREAS**, Lives can be saved through the use of automated external defibrillators, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and emergency medical "pre-arrival" instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, During this school year, approximately 250,000 Texas high school students will be taught cardiopulmonary resuscitation through the combined efforts of the Texas Legislature and the American Heart Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to its many volunteers and contributors, the American Heart Association is able to continue its work in reducing the number of disabilities and deaths due to heart disease and stroke in this state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the American Heart Association, its volunteers, and its contributors and recognize February of 2003 as American Heart Month; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate