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H.R. No. 179

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of
2 death among women, claiming the lives of more than half a million
3 women each year, more than the next seven causes of death combined
4 and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer; moreover, 63
5 percent of women who died suddenly of heart disease had no previous
6 symptoms of the condition; and

7 WHEREAS, One in five females in the United States has some
8 form of cardiovascular disease, and the cost of treating heart
9 attacks, strokes, and other related illnesses in the United States
10 has reached \$352 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the American Heart
12 Association's designation of February as American Heart Month, the
13 organization's National Wear Red for Women Day campaign encourages
14 women to pay attention to their hearts and increase their awareness
15 of the risk factors for coronary disease in order to help them live
16 longer, stronger lives; by educating and empowering women to reduce
17 their risks, it is estimated that thousands of lives can be saved
18 each year; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2005, as Wear Red for
21 Women Day and encourage all citizens to wear red in honor of family,
22 friends, and neighbors who have fought heart disease and in support
23 of this laudable effort.