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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every day, more than 150 Texans die from
2 cardiovascular disease and stroke; and

3 WHEREAS, High blood pressure and elevated cholesterol levels
4 are the primary risk factors for coronary heart disease, which is
5 the nation's single leading cause of death; according to the
6 American Heart Association, an estimated 100 million Americans have
7 total blood cholesterol values of 200 mg/dl and higher, and nearly
8 40 million American adults have values of 240 or above, levels which
9 constitute a major risk factor for coronary heart disease and
10 stroke; and

11 WHEREAS, In order to identify these risk factors and promote
12 cardiovascular disease awareness in Texas, one of the world's
13 leading pharmaceutical companies is joining with its managed care
14 partners to provide free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings
15 by qualified health professionals at public events throughout the
16 state during the month of May; AstraZeneca is kicking off Texas
17 Heart Healthy Month on May 2 and 3 at the State Capitol by offering
18 free screenings and information about maintaining a heart healthy
19 lifestyle; and

20 WHEREAS, Education and early detection of heart disease risk
21 factors can play a significant role in ensuring a person's health,
22 and citizens throughout the state are encouraged to take advantage
23 of the AstraZeneca sponsored screenings and learn more about the
24 prevention of heart disease; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 2005 as Texas Heart Healthy Month
3 and commend AstraZeneca for its efforts to promote healthy hearts
4 in the Lone Star State.