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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 providing free blood pressure
14 and cholesterol screenings by qualified health professionals at
15 public events throughout the state during the month of May;
16 AstraZeneca is kicking off Texas Heart Healthy Day on May 3 at the
17 State Capitol by offering free screenings and information about
18 maintaining a heart healthy lifestyle; and

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2005, as Texas Heart Healthy
2 Day at the State Capitol and commend AstraZeneca for its efforts to
3 promote healthy hearts in the Lone Star State.