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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of
2 death in the United States, claiming the lives of nearly half a
3 million women each year, more than the next five causes of death
4 combined and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, While only 13 percent of women consider
6 cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk, 53 percent of
7 cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females; in addition, nearly
8 33,000 more women than men die from stroke each year; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2007, the estimated direct and indirect cost of
10 treating heart attacks, strokes, and other related illnesses in the
11 United States is \$432 billion; and

12 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the American Heart
13 Association's designation of February as American Heart Month, the
14 organization's Go Red for Women Day campaign aims to inspire women
15 to take charge of their heart health; the event is designed to
16 encourage women to increase their awareness of the risk factors for
17 coronary disease by using such tools as the American Heart
18 Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking to their
19 health care providers; and

20 WHEREAS, Go Red for Women is the AHA's national call to help
21 women live longer, stronger lives, and by educating and empowering
22 them to reduce their risks, it is estimated that thousands of lives
23 can be saved each year; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 2, 2007, as Go Red for Women
2 Day and encourage all Texans to support this laudable effort by
3 wearing the color red in honor of family, friends, and neighbors who
4 have fought heart disease.