

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Health professionals, health advocates, stroke  
2 survivors, and others are observing American Stroke Month in May  
3 2007, and their efforts are drawing vital attention to this  
4 cardiovascular disease that affects some 700,000 Americans each  
5 year; and

6           WHEREAS, According to the American Stroke Association, a  
7 division of the American Heart Association, stroke is the third  
8 leading cause of death in this country, a trend reflected  
9 statewide, according to the Texas Department of State Health  
10 Services; moreover, it is the nation's leading cause of serious  
11 long-term disability; while new and effective treatments have been  
12 developed to minimize the severity of stroke, much more research is  
13 needed; and

14           WHEREAS, Through its campaign, "Power to End Stroke," the ASA  
15 is specifically reaching out to African Americans, who have almost  
16 twice the risk of first-ever strokes compared to Anglos, as well as  
17 higher death rates; and

18           WHEREAS, Although risk factors for stroke such as age,  
19 heredity, race, gender, and a history of prior stroke cannot be  
20 changed, risk factors resulting from lifestyle or environment can  
21 be; one of the most important controllable risk factors is high  
22 blood pressure, often called the "silent killer" because it has no  
23 symptoms; others that can be changed, treated, or controlled  
24 include smoking, diabetes, physical inactivity and obesity,

1 carotid or other artery disease, atrial fibrillation, transient  
2 ischemic attacks, certain blood disorders, high blood cholesterol,  
3 excessive alcohol use, and illegal drug use; and

4 WHEREAS, Each minute a stroke goes untreated, the brain is at  
5 risk for damage, but disability or death caused by stroke can be  
6 prevented by recognizing and quickly responding to the following  
7 warning signs: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg,  
8 especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble  
9 speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both  
10 eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or  
11 coordination; and sudden, severe headache with no known cause; and

12 WHEREAS, By obtaining knowledge, making positive lifestyle  
13 changes, and taking immediate action when necessary, individuals  
14 have the power to avoid this debilitating disease and help their  
15 loved ones do the same; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize May 2007 as American Stroke Month and  
18 encourage all Texans to familiarize themselves with the warning  
19 signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke.

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Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
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Speaker of the House

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