

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize February 2, 2007, as Go Red for Women Day and encourage all Texans to support this laudable effort by wearing the color red in honor of family, friends, and neighbors who have fought heart disease.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate