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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of nearly  
2 455,000 women each year, more than the next five leading causes of  
3 death combined, including all forms of cancer; and

4           WHEREAS, While only 21 percent of women consider  
5 cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk, some 53 percent  
6 of cardiovascular disease deaths and more than 60 percent of stroke  
7 deaths occur in females; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2008, the direct and indirect cost of treating  
9 heart attacks, strokes, and other related illnesses in the United  
10 States was estimated at \$475.3 billion; and

11           WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has designated  
12 February as American Heart Month, and as part of the effort to raise  
13 awareness about heart disease and stroke, the Go Red For Women  
14 campaign works to change the perception that heart disease occurs  
15 only in men; moreover, the campaign encourages women to learn their  
16 own personal risk for coronary disease by using such tools as the  
17 American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by  
18 talking to their health care providers; and

19           WHEREAS, Go Red For Women serves as a powerful reminder that  
20 by taking charge of their heart health women can live stronger,  
21 longer lives; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2009, as National Wear Red  
24 Day and encourage all Texans to show their support for women and the

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1 fight against heart disease by wearing the color red.