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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death  
2 in the United States, and approximately 21 million U.S. patients  
3 have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease,  
4 indicating that they are at risk of a cardiovascular event; and

5           WHEREAS, In Texas, health care professionals have diagnosed  
6 angina, strokes, heart attacks, or coronary heart diseases for more  
7 than 1,790,000 adults, and these conditions have been identified as  
8 manifestations of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; in  
9 addition, over 864,000 adult Texans have reported experiencing a  
10 heart attack in their lifetime, and more than 798,000 have reported  
11 experiencing a stroke; the heart disease death rate in Texas is 328  
12 deaths per 100,000 individuals over the age of 35, surpassing the  
13 national rate of 319.5; and

14           WHEREAS, Research shows that atherosclerotic cardiovascular  
15 disease is linked to the buildup of cholesterol in the arteries, and  
16 the risk of cardiovascular events can be reduced by decreasing  
17 low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) levels; nearly 70  
18 million U.S. adults had higher than recommended LDL-C levels in  
19 2016, and more than 43 million U.S. residents are currently being  
20 treated with lipid-lowering therapies to manage cardiovascular  
21 risk; statins are one of the leading lipid-lowering therapies, and  
22 20 percent of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease patients  
23 taking statins have achieved healthy levels of LDL-C; and

24           WHEREAS, The total direct and indirect cost of

1 atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in the U.S. was \$555 billion  
2 in 2016, and the cost is projected to reach \$1.1 trillion by 2035;  
3 each year, the State of Texas spends an estimated \$10.53 billion on  
4 direct medical expenses for health care related to atherosclerotic  
5 cardiovascular disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases impact the lives of  
7 countless residents across the state, and it is vital that these  
8 Texans have access to quality health care; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby urge the Texas Department of State Health  
11 Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to  
12 expand their comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs and  
13 explore ways to collaborate with federal and national agencies and  
14 organizations to establish or expand cardiovascular screening  
15 programs; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Texas cardiovascular plan should be  
17 updated to enhance the quality of care rendered to patients and  
18 improve health outcomes; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby express support for the creation of policies to  
21 lower the rates of death caused by atherosclerotic cardiovascular  
22 disease; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of  
24 Representatives forward an official copy of this resolution to the  
25 commissioners of the Texas Department of State Health Services and  
26 the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.