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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.