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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, South Asians are individuals who derive their ethnic origins from the Indian Subcontinent, made up of countries such as India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh; and

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WHEREAS, South Asians hold a high risk of heart attack and stroke that has often been overlooked; this increased risk is due to a variety of factors, ranging from genetics to lifestyle choices; and

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WHEREAS, South Asians are at 4 times greater risk for heart disease than the general population; amongst South Asian men, 25% of heart attacks occur under the age of 40 and 50% occur under the age of 50; South Asian women have a 30% increased risk of heart disease when compared to Caucasians and a 325% increased risk when compared to the Chinese; South Asians make up 17% of the world population, but hold 60% of the world's cardiovascular disease burden; and

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WHEREAS, The South Asian Cardiovascular Center is the first of its kind in the Midwest designed to serve the South Asian community; the aim of the Center is to educate, screen, prevent, and treat South Asians for their high risk of cardiac disease; and

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1 WHEREAS, The South Asian Cardiovascular Center provides a
2 combination of hospital and outpatient clinical services to
3 assure individuals and their families a comfortable and
4 culturally sensitive experience; and

5 WHEREAS, The South Asian Cardiovascular Center's outreach
6 efforts are intended to inspire change and provide options to
7 live a heart healthy lifestyle; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February 10,
10 2016 as Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Day in the State of
11 Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the South Asian Cardiovascular Center as an
14 expression of our esteem and respect.