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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading  
3 cause of death, and strokes are the third leading cause of  
4 death; and

5 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of  
6 over 460,000 American females (about one death per minute) each  
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, 53% of all cardiovascular disease  
9 deaths occur in females, as compared to 47% in men, and about  
10 32,500 more females than males die from a stroke; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2008 the estimated direct and indirect cost of  
12 cardiovascular diseases and strokes in the US is estimated at  
13 \$448.5 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, More women die of heart disease, stroke, and all  
15 other cardiovascular diseases than the next five leading causes  
16 of death combined, including all cancers; and

17 WHEREAS, Only 21% of women consider cardiovascular disease  
18 their greatest health risk; and

19 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month;

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2 WHEREAS, Go Red For Women is the American Heart  
3 Association's national call to increase awareness about heart  
4 disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire  
5 women to take charge of their heart health; and

6 WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for  
7 heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart  
8 Association's Go Red For Women Heart Checkup and by talking to  
9 their healthcare providers; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that in recognition of the importance  
13 of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke we  
14 proclaim February 1, 2008 as National Wear Red Day throughout  
15 the State of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, We urge all citizens to show their support for  
17 women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this  
18 day by wearing the color red; by increasing awareness and  
19 empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular  
20 disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.