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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives
3 of more than 250,000 Americans before they reach a hospital; it
4 strikes people of all levels of fitness, and it usually strikes
5 without warning; and

6 WHEREAS, Most often, sudden cardiac arrest is caused by an
7 abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation that
8 prevents the heart from pumping blood; and

9 WHEREAS, The treatment for ventricular fibrillation is
10 defibrillation, which is the delivery of an electric shock to
11 the heart that stops ventricular fibrillation and allows a
12 normal heart rhythm to resume; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing defibrillation on-site with an
14 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can significantly
15 increase survival rates for ventricular fibrillation cardiac
16 arrest; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is a national
18 voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability
19 and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and it is
20 dedicated to helping businesses and communities establish
21 on-site AED programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association and its volunteers
2 have assisted in the establishment of AED programs at the
3 Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate by
4 providing life-saving CPR and AED training for General Assembly
5 employees in 2004, 2005, and 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, JR Dietl, Mark Goerger, Dale Huwer, Chris Reavis,
7 Jacinta "Cindy" Robinson, Stanley Robinson, Kari Thevenot,
8 and Karen Thomas were the American Heart Association volunteer
9 instructors for the 2007 General Assembly employee training
10 session; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 commend the American Heart Association for its efforts to save
14 lives through education and training, and we thank the American
15 Heart Association and its volunteers for providing CPR and AED
16 training for General Assembly employees; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Greater Midwest Affiliate of the American
19 Heart Association as an expression of our gratitude for its
20 role in providing heart-health education and life-saving
21 training.