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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2012 as "American Heart Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania and urging all Pennsylvanians to recognize  
3 the critical importance of the tools and skills that will  
4 increase survival rates from cardiac arrest.

5 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause  
6 of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs  
7 estimated to be \$297.7 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease accounts for one out of three  
9 deaths nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease  
11 each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals under 75 years of age account for nearly  
13 33% of deaths due to cardiovascular disease; and

14 WHEREAS, This year an estimated 785,000 people in the United  
15 States will have a new coronary attack, an estimated 470,000  
16 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack and an additional

1 195,000 "silent" heart attacks will occur; and

2 WHEREAS, Over 41,300 Pennsylvanians died from major  
3 cardiovascular diseases in 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, The research is clear that there are preventive  
5 strategies, as well as community-based strategies, that can  
6 increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal  
8 seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by  
9 20% while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and  
10 stroke by 20% through research, population-level and community-  
11 level interventions and public health and policy measures; and

12 WHEREAS, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage  
13 citizens to help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur,  
14 become trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and  
15 encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED)  
16 programs in their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating  
18 February 2012 as "American Heart Month" and promoting education  
19 and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs  
20 of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the importance  
22 of the ongoing fight against heart disease, recognize February  
23 2012 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all  
24 Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of the tools  
25 and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac  
26 arrest. By incorporating these tools and skills into aggressive  
27 programs, thousands of lives can be saved each year.