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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2007 as "Women's Heart
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke are largely preventable
4 with early detection and prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Heart disease and stroke affect one out of two
6 women; and

7 WHEREAS, Someone dies every 36 seconds of cardiovascular
8 disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year since 1984 the number of cardiovascular
10 disease deaths for females has exceeded the number of
11 cardiovascular disease deaths for males; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 460,000 women die each year from all heart
13 and blood vessel diseases combined; and

14 WHEREAS, Thirty-eight percent of women who have heart attacks
15 die within a year; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 45% of women have high cholesterol; and

1 WHEREAS, Women account for nearly 61% of total stroke deaths;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The cost of cardiovascular disease and stroke in the
4 United States in 2007 has been estimated at more than \$431
5 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, Compliance with prescription instructions, medical
7 guidelines and physician directives is important to
8 cardiovascular health; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is committed to
10 public education about heart disease and stroke and urges women
11 to learn about risk factors for heart disease and stroke and to
12 take action to reduce, control or prevent as many risk factors
13 as possible; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association supports ongoing
15 medical research to promote early detection, prevention and
16 treatment of heart disease and stroke; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is the largest
18 voluntary, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to
19 reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and
20 stroke; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania/Delaware Affiliate of the American
22 Heart Association spent more than \$14 million during fiscal year
23 2001-2002 for research support, public and professional
24 education and community programs; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of February
26 2007 as "Women's Heart Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
27 all citizens to spread the message that cardiovascular disease
28 is the number one health threat for women and men; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate challenge all Pennsylvanians to

1 take charge of their cardiovascular health and to support the
2 lifesaving mission carried out by the more than 220,000 American
3 Heart Association volunteers in this Commonwealth.