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8 RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH INITIATIVE, "A
9 CALL TO ACTION."

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11 WHEREAS, heart disease, often called the "silent
12 killer," continues to be the number one killer of women,
13 causing a woman to die from heart disease every 60 seconds;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, heart disease claims more women's lives
16 than the next eight causes of death combined, including breast
17 cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, two-thirds of American women who die
19 suddenly from heart disease had no prior symptoms; and

20 WHEREAS, African-American women and Latina women
21 have higher heart disease and stroke risk factors than
22 Caucasian women of comparable socioeconomic status, with heart
23 disease being the number one killer of African-American women;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, increasing the number of women of different
26 races and various age groups in cardiovascular clinical trials

1 is pivotal to identifying the best treatment options for heart
2 disease and stroke in all women; and

3 WHEREAS, programs such as "Go Red for Women," led by
4 the American Heart Association, and WISEWOMAN, created by the
5 Centers for Disease Control, are designed to improve
6 prevention through early diagnosis connected with the ability
7 to access the best treatment, and continuation of such
8 programs is vital to addressing women's heart health; and

9 WHEREAS, the Women's Heart Health Initiative
10 explores a nontraditional venue to provide additional
11 cardiovascular screening for women during their
12 obstetrician/gynecologist office visits, which can be of
13 further assistance to health care providers in early
14 identification, education, and the prevention of heart
15 disease; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize there is a
18 monumental need for "A Call to Action," to devise strategies,
19 with a strong emphasis on recognizing the warning signs of a
20 cardiovascular event, encompassing socioeconomic factors,
21 cultural barriers, and lifestyle choices for those women at
22 highest risk, thereby decreasing the deaths of one in three
23 women from heart disease and stroke each year.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage public
25 policy to be implemented and monitored to establish and
26 collaborate with private partners to raise awareness and
27 promote education of heart disease, to increase screening

1 programs that will identify risk factors in women to aid in
2 the early detection and prevention of heart disease, to ensure
3 access to medical treatment protocols for heart disease, and
4 to provide suggestions and support for lifestyle choices that
5 contribute to the management of heart disease for those women
6 at highest risk, in order to improve the quality of life for
7 all women.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
9 resolution be provided to the Alabama Department of Public
10 Health.