

1 SJR9  
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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Sanders-Fortier, Weaver,  
4 Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler, Chambliss,  
5 Chesteen, Dunn, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,  
6 Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr,  
7 Price, Reed, Roberts, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,  
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 13-JAN-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR9,

5 RECOGNIZING THE RISE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AS  
6 THE WORLD'S LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH AND DISABILITY  
7 AND AS THE GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OF OUR GENERATION AND  
8 SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 2022 AS AMERICAN HEART  
9 MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease affects men, women,  
12 and children of every age and race in the United States; from  
13 2019 to 2020, deaths from heart disease increased by 4.8  
14 percent, the largest increase in heart disease deaths since  
15 2012, and stroke deaths increased in the same period by 6  
16 percent; cardiovascular disease continues to be the leading  
17 cause of death in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2015, cardiovascular disease accounted  
19 for \$555,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost  
20 productivity, and by 2035, cardiovascular disease will account  
21 for \$1,093,900,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost  
22 productivity annually; and

23 WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 disease pandemic poses  
24 significantly high risk to individuals with cardiovascular  
25 disease and risk factors; and

1           WHEREAS, individuals in the United States have made  
2 great progress in reducing the death rate for cardiovascular  
3 disease, but the progress has been more modest with respect to  
4 the death rate for cardiovascular disease in women and  
5 minorities; and

6           WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the number one  
7 killer of women in the United States, killing more women than  
8 all forms of cancer combined; cardiovascular disease is the  
9 leading cause of maternal death in the United States, or more  
10 simply put, heart disease is the number one killer of new  
11 moms; and

12           WHEREAS, women, and especially Black and Hispanic  
13 women, are disproportionately impacted by heart disease and  
14 stroke; research shows that heart attacks are on the rise in  
15 younger women, yet younger generations of women, namely  
16 Generation Z and Millennials, are less likely to be aware of  
17 their greatest health threat, including knowing the warning  
18 signs of heart attacks and strokes; now therefore,

19           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the  
21 importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and  
22 stroke, we hereby resolve February 2022 to be American Heart  
23 Month in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to show  
24 their support for the fight against heart disease by  
25 commemorating this month as American Heart Month; by

1        increasing awareness, speaking out about heart disease, and  
2        empowering others to reduce their risk of cardiovascular  
3        diseases, we can save thousands of lives each year.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 13-JAN-22  
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Coleman-Madison