

**HJR59 ENROLLED**



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2 By Representative Marques  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 HJR\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE CARE OF ATHEROSCLEROTIC  
5 CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

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7 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause  
8 of death in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 21  
10 million patients have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic  
11 cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and are at risk of  
12 cardiovascular event according to the US Census Bureau; and

13 WHEREAS, the Mayo Clinic states that ASCVD is linked  
14 to the build-up of cholesterol in the arteries, and the risk  
15 of associated events can be modified by lowering low-density  
16 lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C); and

17 WHEREAS, in 2016, nearly 70 million United States  
18 adults had higher than recommended LDL-C levels; and

19 WHEREAS, 43.1 million people in the United States are  
20 currently treated with lipid-lowering therapies to manage  
21 cardiovascular risk; and

22 WHEREAS, only 20 percent of people with ASCVD who  
23 are taking statins, one of the leading lipid-lowering  
24 therapies, actually achieve healthy levels of LDL-C; and

25 WHEREAS, the total direct and indirect cost of ASCVD  
26 in the US was \$555 billion in 2016, and it is projected to  
27 climb to \$1.1 trillion by 2025 according to the American  
28 Heart Association; and



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29 WHEREAS, in Alabama, 464,000 adults have been told by  
30 a health professional that they had angina, a stroke, a  
31 heart attack, or coronary heart disease, which are some of  
32 the manifestations of ASCVD; and

33 WHEREAS, in Alabama, 5,836 people had ASCVD as an  
34 underlying cause of death; and

35 WHEREAS, in Alabama, 220,100 adults reported  
36 experiencing a heart attack in their lifetime and 203,900  
37 adults reported experiencing a stroke in their lifetime; and

38 WHEREAS, Alabama spends an estimated \$2.75 billion on  
39 direct medical expenses for ASCVD care each year; now  
40 therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA OF  
42 ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THERE OF CONCURRING, That this body  
43 urges state agencies to expand comprehensive cardiovascular  
44 screening programs to allow for earlier identification of  
45 patients at risk of cardiovascular events.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body urges state  
47 agencies to explore ways to collaborate with federal and  
48 national agencies and organizations to establish or expand  
49 comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body urges an  
51 update of the state's cardiovascular plan to accelerate  
52 quality improvements in the care rendered to those patients  
53 such that screening, treatment, monitoring, and improved  
54 health outcomes are achieved.

55 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body supports the  
56 creation of policies to decrease the rising number of deaths



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57 of Americans as a result of Americans as a result of ASCVD.

58 FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

59 provided to the Governor and the State Health Officer.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 06-APR-23.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

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Senate

**03-May-23**

Adopted