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HJR___ A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE CARE OF ATHEROSCLEROTIC
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the total direct and indirect cost of ASCVD
in the US was \$555 billion in 2016, and it is projected to
climb to \$1.1 trillion by 2025 according to the American
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.