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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH INITIATIVE, "A  
CALL TO ACTION."

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, increasing the number of women of different  
races and various age groups in cardiovascular clinical trials  
is pivotal to identifying the best treatment options for heart  
disease and stroke in all women; and

WHEREAS, programs such as "Go Red for Women," led by  
the American Heart Association, and WISEWOMAN, created by the

1 Centers for Disease Control, are designed to improve  
2 prevention through early diagnosis connected with the ability  
3 to access the best treatment, and continuation of such  
4 programs is vital to addressing women's heart health; and

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

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage public  
21 policy to be implemented and monitored to establish and  
22 collaborate with private partners to raise awareness and  
23 promote education of heart disease, to increase screening  
24 programs that will identify risk factors in women to aid in  
25 the early detection and prevention of heart disease, to ensure

1 access to medical treatment protocols for heart disease, and  
2 to provide suggestions and support for lifestyle choices that  
3 contribute to the management of heart disease for those women  
4 at highest risk, in order to improve the quality of life for  
5 all women.

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

