

House Resolution 1269

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Jones of the 47th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Sims of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Acknowledging the struggle that women with heart disease face every day and recognizing
2 February 7, 2014, as National Wear Red Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet only one in five American
4 women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and
- 5 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing
6 approximately one woman every minute; and
- 7 WHEREAS, an estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by
8 cardiovascular diseases; and
- 9 WHEREAS, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart
10 disease; and
- 11 WHEREAS, women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart related studies; and
- 12 WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and
13 the gap between men's and women's survival rates continues to widen; and
- 14 WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms
15 of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in celebration of the tenth National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014, Go Red
17 For Women is asking all women across America to join together in making America Go Red
18 and save women's lives.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart

21 disease and stroke, recognize February 7, 2014, as National Wear Red Day at the state capitol
22 and encourage all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease
23 by commemorating this day by wearing the color red.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by increasing awareness, speaking up about heart
25 disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save
26 thousands of lives each year.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Heart
29 Association.