

Senate Resolution 118

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Lucas of the 26th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of preventable
2 death and disability and as the global public health crisis of our generation and supporting
3 the recognition of February 2023 as American Heart Month; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease affects men, women, and children of every age and race
5 in the United States; from 2019 to 2020, deaths from heart disease increased by 4.8 percent,
6 the largest increase in heart disease deaths since 2012, and stroke deaths increased in the
7 same period by 6 percent; cardiovascular disease continues to be the leading cause of death
8 in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2015, cardiovascular disease accounted for \$555,000,000,000 in health care
10 expenditures and lost productivity, and by 2035, cardiovascular disease will account for
11 \$1,093,900,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity annually; and

12 WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 disease pandemic poses a significantly high risk to
13 individuals with CVD and risk factors; and

14 WHEREAS, individuals in the United States have made great progress in reducing the death
15 rate for cardiovascular disease, but this progress has been more modest with respect to the
16 death rate for cardiovascular disease in women and minorities; and

17 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the number one killer of women in the United
18 States, killing more women than all forms of cancer combined, and cardiovascular disease
19 is the leading cause of maternal death in the United States; more simply put, heart disease
20 is the No. 1 killer of new moms; and

21 WHEREAS, women, especially Black and Hispanic women, are disproportionately impacted
22 by heart disease and stroke, and research shows heart attacks are on the rise in younger
23 women. Even still, younger generations of women, gen Z, and millennials are less likely to
24 be aware of their greatest health threat, including knowing the warning signs of heart attacks
25 and strokes.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of preventable death
28 and disability and support the recognition of February 2023 as American Heart Month.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
31 press.