

## House Resolution 1123

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Dickerson of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of women's heart health and the promotion of programs that aid  
2 in the early detection and prevention of heart disease in women; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, African American women and Mexican American women have higher heart  
10 disease and stroke risk factors than American Caucasian women of comparable  
11 socioeconomic status, with heart disease being the number one killer of African American  
12 women; and

13 WHEREAS, programs such as "Go Red for Women," led by the American Heart  
14 Association, WISEWOMAN, created by the Centers for Disease Control, and the Heart  
15 Disease Education, Analysis, and Research and Treatment (HEART) for Women Act are all  
16 designed to improve prevention and early diagnosis, increase the number of women in  
17 cardiovascular trials, and increase access to the best treatment options for heart disease and  
18 stroke; and

19 WHEREAS, the Women's Heart Health Initiative encourages cardiovascular screening for  
20 women during their OB/GYN office visits which can aid in the early identification,  
21 education, and prevention of heart disease.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize the importance of women's heart health and the  
24 promotion of programs that aid in the early detection and prevention of heart disease in  
25 women.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and  
28 the press.