

Senate Resolution 708

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Paris of the 26th and James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 3, 2012, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the
4 fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, each year, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of almost 419,000 American
6 females, about one death per minute; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, 52 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, and
8 60 percent of all stroke death victims are females; and

9 WHEREAS, 26 percent of women die within a year of suffering a heart attack, compared
10 with 19 percent of men; and

11 WHEREAS, more women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases
12 than the next three leading causes of death combined, including all cancers, yet only 16
13 percent of women surveyed in 2009 consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, common symptoms for women include pain of the jaw, arm, or back, but most
16 report a delay in seeking treatments after the symptoms began, anywhere from 15 minutes
17 to two weeks; and

18 WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms
19 of a heart attack than if someone else were having a heart attack; and

20 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month, and "Go Red For Women"
21 is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about the leading

22 cause of death for women, heart disease, and to inspire women to take charge of their heart
23 health; and

24 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools
25 such as the American Heart Association's My Life Check, Go Red For Women Heart
26 CheckUp, and Go Red for Women Better U, and by talking to their health care provider; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and
28 stroke, February 3, 2012, is recognized as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize February 3, 2012, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol and urge all
31 citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by
32 commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red, increasing awareness, and
33 empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association.