

Senate Resolution 37

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and acknowledging the struggle that women with heart disease face every day;
2 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 U.S. are affected by cardiovascular
8 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 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 10th National Wear Red Day on February 1, 2013, Go Red
17 For Women is asking all women across America to join us in making America Go Red and
18 save women's lives.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body,
20 in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke,

21 recognize Friday, February 1, 2013, to be National Wear Red Day at the state capitol and
22 urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by
23 commemorating this day by the wearing of 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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association.