

House Resolution 440

By: Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Washburn of the 144th, Jones of the 143rd, and Griffin of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 2025 as American Heart Month in Macon-Bibb County; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association designated the month of February as American
4 Heart Month, an annual observance which began in 1963 to ignite a wave of red across the
5 country and bring greater awareness to cardiovascular health and diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, women have long functioned as the heartbeat of the family and home, but
7 cardiovascular disease continues to be one of the greatest threats to overall health and
8 well-being in women; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association launched its signature initiative Go Red for
10 Women to be a comprehensive platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness
11 and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally; and

12 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the number one killer of women in the United States
13 and disproportionately affect African American women with nearly 50 percent being
14 diagnosed with heart disease in this country and numerous more unaware of the signs and
15 symptoms of the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, promoting awareness of heart disease is an important responsibility held by a
17 coalition of women-led organizations representing national and international entities: The
18 International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated; Women's
19 Missionary Society of AME Church; Order of the Eastern Star; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
20 Incorporated; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
21 Incorporated; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; Jack and Jill of America,
22 Incorporated; and The Links, Incorporated, all of which have joined hearts and hands with
23 the American Heart Association of the Central Georgia Region to build awareness and
24 education of the resources for women in Macon-Bibb County.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize February 2025 as American Heart Month in Macon-Bibb
27 County and encourage all residents to work together to improve women's health and increase
28 awareness and understanding of heart disease.

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