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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE JANE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 15, 2008, as Louisiana Legislators Go Red for Women Day and to encourage citizens to show their support for women and the fight against cardiovascular diseases.

WHEREAS, Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

WHEREAS, although only thirteen percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than four hundred sixty thousand American women each year, which equals approximately one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the estimated direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated to be more than four hundred forty-eight billion five million dollars; and

WHEREAS, more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease by using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Heart Checkup and by talking to their health care provider; and

WHEREAS, upon the observance of National Women's Health Week from May 11 through May 17, 2008, it is appropriate to encourage citizens to show their support for women and the fight against cardiovascular diseases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, does hereby recognize Thursday, May 15, 2008, as Louisiana Legislators

Go Red for Women Day in Louisiana, does hereby urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red, and does hereby commend the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association for increasing awareness about cardiovascular diseases and stroke and empowering women to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES