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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FOR
2 SPONSORING THE "GO RED FOR WOMEN" CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S
3 HEALTH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

4 WHEREAS, there are 1.5 million women residing in the State of
5 Mississippi and cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of
6 death for women; and

7 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease causes more than 5,200 women
8 to die in Mississippi each year; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to cardiovascular disease, almost 1,200
10 women die from stroke annually; and

11 WHEREAS, although one in three women die of heart disease and
12 one in five females have some form of heart or blood vessel
13 disease, only about a third of women know that heart disease is
14 the leading cause of death for women; and

15 WHEREAS, women over the age of fifty-five are at a higher
16 risk for high blood pressure than men; and

17 WHEREAS, fifty-four percent of women in Mississippi are
18 overweight or obese which are leading risk factors for
19 cardiovascular disease; and

20 WHEREAS, because all women need to ask their doctor about
21 their risk of heart disease and stroke, the American Heart
22 Association invites women to take charge of their health by making
23 it a top priority; and

24 WHEREAS, to encourage women to live a stronger, longer,
25 healthier life, the American Heart Association sponsors the "Go
26 Red for Women" campaign to fight cardiovascular disease in women:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
29 commend the American Heart Association for promoting women's
30 health and well-being in Mississippi and proclaim February 6,
31 2004, to be "Go Red for Women Day" in Mississippi to honor our
32 wives, mothers and daughters of this great state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 furnished to the American Heart Association and to the members of
35 the Capitol Press Corps.