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Whereas, Startling numbers of women die annually from heart and blood vessel disease, affecting three out of five women;

Whereas, The purpose of Women's Heart Week is to raise awareness of heart disease in women and promote risk reduction;

Whereas, Although heart disease is the leading killer of women in America, claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 women annually, there has been no research on this deadly disease as it affects women;

Whereas, While the death rate for men with heart disease has steadily declined over the years, the death rate for women has been increasing;

Whereas, A national study determined that Indiana had the 17th highest mortality rate for women with heart disease among the 50 states and the District of Columbia;

Whereas, Between 1991 and 1995, 43,542 women died of heart disease in Indiana;

Whereas, More women than men have died from heart



disease every year since 1984;

Whereas, The diagnostic tools and treatments to battle heart disease have been developed for a man's heart and are far less effective for a woman;

Whereas, Statistics reveal twice the death rate for a woman suffering a heart attack, twice the wait for a woman with chest pain in the emergency room, twice the incidence for a woman of a second heart attack within the first two weeks, two to three times the death rate after coronary bypass surgery for women, and up to ten times the death rate for a woman after angioplasty; and

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly recognizes the danger that heart disease poses to women in Indiana and throughout America and encourages all women to make themselves aware of the risk factors involved with heart disease: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That we are joining together in efforts to improve
2 education about heart disease and the outcomes for women with heart
3 disease and ask everyone in health care and our citizens to recognize the
4 importance of establishing medical treatments and gearing research
5 projects to help in the cause of women's heart health.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Women's
8 Heart Foundation.

