

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4664, by Representative Maycumber

1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in
2 women, claiming more lives than all forms of cancer combined and yet
3 only 44% of women recognize that cardiovascular disease is their
4 greatest health threat; and

5 WHEREAS, Among females 20 years and older, nearly 45% are living
6 with some form of cardiovascular disease and less than half of women
7 entering pregnancy in the United States have optimal cardiovascular
8 health; and

9 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of maternal
10 death in the United States, or more simply put, heart disease is the
11 number 1 killer of new moms; and

12 WHEREAS, Overall, 10% to 20% of women will have a health issue
13 during pregnancy, and high blood pressure, preeclampsia, and
14 gestational diabetes during pregnancy greatly increase a women's risk
15 for developing cardiovascular disease later in life; and

16 WHEREAS, Most cardiac and stroke events can be prevented through
17 education and lifestyle changes, such as moving more, eating smart,
18 and managing blood pressure; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2020, stroke caused the deaths of 90,627 females,
20 approximately 56.5% of total stroke deaths; and

21 WHEREAS, Women are often less likely to receive bystander CPR
22 because rescuers often fear accusations of inappropriate touching,
23 sexual assault, or injuring the victim; and

1 WHEREAS, There are significant biological differences between men
2 and women, and clinical trials have not always adequately enrolled
3 women or analyzed sex-specific differences in the data; and, as of
4 2020, only 38% of cardiovascular clinical research trial participants
5 are women; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2004, increased efforts have been made by
7 researchers, organizations, and policymakers to raise awareness of
8 clinical care gaps of women's greatest health threat, cardiovascular
9 disease;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
11 recognize the plight and courage of women with cardiovascular disease
12 during this month of February, first proclaimed by President Lyndon
13 B. Johnson in 1964 as National Heart Health month.

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15 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
16 Resolution 4664 adopted by the House of Representatives
17 February 1, 2024
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk