

SR-141, As Adopted by Senate, January 22, 2008

Senator Scott offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 141.

A resolution proclaiming February 1, 2008, as Wear Red for Women Day.

Whereas, Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death among women; and

Whereas, Heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women each year--more than the next seven causes of death combined and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer, including breast cancer; and

Whereas, The cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated at \$352 billion; and

Whereas, One in five females in the United States have some form of cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, Sixty-three percent of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms of this disease; and

Whereas, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign encourages women to pay attention to their hearts, which helps them live longer, stronger lives by reducing their risk for cardiovascular disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we do hereby proclaim February 1, 2008, as Wear Red for Women Day in Michigan. We urge all citizens to wear red in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease and as a show of support of the fight against this deadly disease. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousands of lives each year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Go Red for Women Leadership Committee as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to fighting this disease and saving countless lives.