Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

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SUMMARY

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Recognizes February 4, 2005, as "Go Red for Women Day."

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Whereas cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million American women each year; and

Whereas each year, 53.5 percent of deaths among women are from cardiovascular diseases as compared to 46.5 percent of deaths among men, and 40,000 more women than men have a stroke; and

Whereas the cost related to cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated at $352 billion; and

Whereas coronary heart disease rates in women are two to three times higher after menopause than the rates in women the same age before menopause; and

Whereas 63 percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms of this disease; and

Whereas February is designated as American Heart Month; and

Whereas the American Heart Association is launching a campaign designed to raise women's awareness of the magnitude of cardiovascular diseases and to encourage women to make positive changes in their lives that could help reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases and stroke; and

Whereas this effort is known as the "Go Red for Women" campaign; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, join in designation of February 4, 2005, as "Go Red for Women Day," and urge all citizens to recognize the critical importance of knowing the risk factors and the warning signs of heart attack and stroke by wearing the color red to commemorate this day. By increasing awareness of both heart attack and stroke, we can save thousands of lives each year.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.