



H.Res. 972– Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 972 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) on February 12, 2008. The legislation was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was never considered.

H.Res. 972 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 13, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 972 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of `American Heart Month' and `National Wear Red Day';
- Commends the efforts of States, territories and possessions of the United States, localities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other entities, and the people of the United States who support `American Heart Month' and `National Wear Red Day';
- Recognizes and reaffirms our commitment to fighting heart disease and stroke by promoting awareness about its causes, risks, and prevention, supporting research, and expanding access to medical treatment; and
- encourages each and every American to learn about their own personal risk for heart disease.

BACKGROUND

February is American Heart Month and February 1, 2008 was National Wear Red Day.

In 2003, the red dress was adopted as the symbol for the Heart Truth campaign, run by the National Institutes of Health. Individuals are encouraged to wear red on the first of February each year in an effort to increase awareness of the risks of heart disease to other women.

Heart Disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States.

Approximately 700,000 individuals die from coronary events each year in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website, "About every 26 seconds, an American will have a coronary event, and about one every minute will die from one."

The first American Heart Month was approved by Congress on December 30, 1963.

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