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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing February as
2 American Heart Month.

3 *Whereas, Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death
4 worldwide, and each year, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests
5 occur outside of hospitals in the United States, with
6 approximately 10 percent of people surviving;*

7 *Whereas, About 70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests
8 occur at home, meaning that people nearby are the first and
9 most critical link in the chain of survival;*

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1 *Whereas, Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
 2 can double or even triple a person's chance of survival, yet only
 3 about 41 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest
 4 receive immediate CPR from someone nearby, and fewer than
 5 12 percent receive aid from an automated external defibrillator
 6 (AED) before advanced help arrives;*

7 *Whereas, For adults and teens, Hands-Only CPR, which
 8 includes calling 911 and pushing hard and fast in the center of
 9 the chest, can double or triple the chance of survival, while
 10 infants and children require CPR with rescue breaths to restore
 11 oxygen and circulation;*

12 *Whereas, Each year, more than 23,000 children experience
 13 cardiac arrest outside of the hospital, with almost 40 percent
 14 related to sports and nearly 20 percent occurring among
 15 infants, and cardiac arrest accounts for 10 to 15 percent of
 16 sudden unexpected infant deaths;*

17 *Whereas, Studies show that women are less likely than men
 18 to receive CPR before advanced help arrives due to fear of
 19 causing harm, perceived legal risk, or discomfort about
 20 physical contact, and these factors must be addressed through
 21 education and awareness;*

22 *Whereas, The American Heart Association has set a bold
 23 goal to double survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest by
 24 2030 through its Nation of Lifesavers initiative, empowering
 25 people everywhere to perform CPR and use AEDs confidently;
 26 and*

27 *Whereas, Straightforward, community-based solutions, such
 28 as CPR and AED education, public access to defibrillators, and
 29 cardiac emergency response plans (CERPs) in schools,
 30 workplaces, and public spaces, can save lives and strengthen
 31 community readiness: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
 33 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

34 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives

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1 recognizes February as American Heart Month in Indiana.

2 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
3 encourages all Indiana residents to learn CPR, promote
4 awareness of cardiac arrest and emergency response, and join
5 the effort to build a Nation of Lifesavers, ensuring that every
6 person, everywhere, is prepared to act in a cardiac emergency.

7 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
9 Representative Mike Andrade for distribution.

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