

AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT HEART DISEASE  
AMONG WOMEN

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Mr. BARTON of Texas, from the Committee on Energy and  
Commerce, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 522]

The Committee on Energy and Commerce, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 522) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution do pass.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H. Res. 522 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education

about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

#### BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Cardiovascular diseases are the number one killer of both men and women in America. According to the American Heart Association, every minute a female dies as a result of cardiovascular disease. Unfortunately, a survey conducted by the American Heart Association indicates that only 13 percent of women consider heart disease their greatest health threat. H. Res. 522 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

#### HEARINGS

The Committee on Energy and Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

#### COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On March 3, 2004, the Full Committee met in open markup session and approved H. Res. 522, without amendment, by a voice vote, a quorum being present.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no record votes taken in connection with ordering H. Res. 522 reported. A motion by Mr. Barton to order H. Res. 522 reported to the House, without amendment, was agreed to by a voice vote.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not held oversight or legislative hearings on this legislation.

#### STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H. Res. 522 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

#### NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX EXPENDITURES

In compliance with clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that H. Res. 522 would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

#### COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee finds that H. Res. 522 would result in no new costs to the Federal Government.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES  
STATEMENT

The Congressional Budget Office estimate required pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the estimate of Federal mandates required pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act were requested from the Congressional Budget Office, but were not prepared as of the date of filing of this report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that the Constitutional authority for this legislation is provided in Article I, section 8, clause 3, which grants Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, and with the Indian tribes.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 522 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women. The resolution commends First Lady Laura Bush and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for their recent public awareness campaigns to educate Americans about heart disease. The resolution states that the House of Representatives believes that heart disease will remain the number one killer of American women unless dramatic improvements are made to educate, prevent, and treat the disease. Finally, the resolution recognizes that the more women become cognizant of the scourge of heart disease and how to prevent it, the more likely they can make sound lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of heart disease.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.