**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHEILA CALDWELL, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE HEART2HEART FOUNDATION, AND HER CADRE OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015, AS “STATEWIDE HEART HEALTH SCREENING DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, heart disease is a leading cause of death of South Carolina women and men. Since nearly eighty percent of heart disease can be prevented or managed, awareness, education, and heart‑health risk assessments are vital in order to identify those at high risk and save lives; and

Whereas, the Statewide Screening Day unites efforts across the Palmetto State for one morning during National Heart Month in February to bring attention to this deadly disease, to educate women and men about prevention, and to give them the information they need to create a plan with their doctor; and

Whereas, health care providers around the state in hospitals, clinics, doctor’s offices, and pharmacies are volunteering to dedicate two to three hours on the morning of Thursday, February 19, 2015, to provide free basic heart health screenings to the public; and

Whereas, basic heart health screening includes a full lipid profile, blood pressure, blood glucose, body‑mass index (BMI), and risk assessment; and

Whereas, the teams administering the screenings often provide heart health education materials and referral sources for follow up, as needed, and for each participating location, The Heart2Heart Foundation will provide a special pocket pal for each screening participant at the event; and

Whereas, at the same time teams around the state will be providing free heart health screenings, Heart2Heart will be working with a team at the State House to offer screenings to legislators, staff, and the general public; and

Whereas, a federally recognized eleemosynary organization, The Heart2Heart Foundation seeks to educate, support, and advocate for women’s heart health, thereby affecting not only the lives of women, but also those of their families. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the significant contributions of Sheila Caldwell, President/CEO of The Heart2Heart Foundation, and her cadre of dedicated volunteers and declare Thursday, February 19, 2015, as “Statewide Heart Health Screening Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sheila Caldwell, President/CEO of The Heart2Heart Foundation.

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