

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4656, by Representative Thai

1 WHEREAS, More than 877,500 Americans die of heart disease,
2 stroke, or other cardiovascular diseases every year. Heart disease
3 and stroke are the first and fifth leading causes of death in the
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The centers for disease control and prevention (CDC)
6 estimates that someone in the United States has a heart attack every
7 40 seconds, but 80 percent of heart attacks are preventable; and

8 WHEREAS, The CDC's Million Hearts Program is a national
9 initiative to prevent 1,000,000 heart attacks and strokes between
10 2022 and 2027; and

11 WHEREAS, The CDC views high cholesterol as a modifiable risk
12 factor for cardiovascular disease, including heart attack and stroke;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The American heart association explains that
15 cardiovascular disease can refer to a number of conditions, including
16 heart disease, atherosclerosis, heart attack, stroke, heart failure,
17 arrhythmia, and heart valve problems; and

18 WHEREAS, Among Washington's 35 years of age and older population,
19 men are hospitalized for heart attacks at nearly twice the rate of
20 women; and

21 WHEREAS, Heart disease is the second leading cause of death in
22 Washington; and

