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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 4 BUKTA, CHAMBERS, CLUTE, COHOON, DANDEKAR,  
1 5 DAVITT, DE BOEF, DEYOE, DOLECHECK, DRAKE,  
1 6 FOEGE, FORD, FORRISTALL, FREVERT, GASKILL,  
1 7 GAYMAN, GIPP, GRANZOW, GRASSLEY, GREINER,  
1 8 HEATON, HEDDENS, HOFFMAN, HORBACH, HUNTER,  
1 9 HUSEMAN, HUSER, JACOBS, JACOBY, JOCHUM,  
1 10 KAUFMANN, KELLEY, KRESSIG, KUHN, LENSING,  
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1 14 PAULSEN, PETERSEN, PETTENGILL, QUIRK,  
1 15 RAECKER, RANTS, RASMUSSEN, RAYHONS, REASONER,  
1 16 REICHERT, SANDS, SCHICKEL, SCHUELLER,  
1 17 SHOMSHOR, SMITH, SODERBERG, STAED, STRUYK,  
1 18 SWAIM, D. TAYLOR, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TJEPKES,  
1 19 TOMENGA, TYMESON, UPMEYER, VAN ENGELENHOVEN,  
1 20 VAN FOSSEN, WATTS, WENDT, WENTHE, WHITAKER,  
1 21 WESSEL-KROESCHELL, WHITEAD, WIENCEK, WISE  
1 22 WINCKLER, WINDSCHITL, and WORTHAN  
1 23 A Resolution to recognize May 2007 as American Stroke  
1 24 Awareness Month and National High Blood Pressure  
1 25 Education Month.  
1 26 WHEREAS, the themes for American Stroke Awareness  
1 27 Month 2007 are "Young People and Stroke," in order to  
1 28 educate the public and policymakers about the  
1 29 devastating effects of stroke in young people under  
1 30 age 30, and "Igniting the Power to End Stroke," in  
2 1 order to empower African-Americans, who are at  
2 2 particularly high risk of the disease, to reduce their  
2 3 risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond  
2 4 quickly; and  
2 5 WHEREAS, stroke, the third leading cause of death  
2 6 in Iowa, leads to the death of nearly 2,000 citizens  
2 7 of Iowa each year even though it is highly treatable  
2 8 in the first three hours; and  
2 9 WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious  
2 10 long-term disability with more than two-thirds of  
2 11 stroke survivors experiencing functional limitations  
2 12 or difficulty with activities of daily living; and  
2 13 WHEREAS, Iowans are more aware of the risk factors  
2 14 and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but  
2 15 only one in five adults know all six stroke symptoms;  
2 16 and  
2 17 WHEREAS, warning signs of stroke include sudden  
2 18 numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg,  
2 19 especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion,  
2 20 trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble  
2 21 seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking,  
2 22 dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; and  
2 23 sudden severe headache with no known cause; and  
2 24 WHEREAS, high blood pressure is a primary cause of  
2 25 stroke, one in four Iowans have high blood pressure,  
2 26 more than half of the Iowans with high blood pressure  
2 27 are younger than 65 years old, and blood pressures  
2 28 greater than 120/80 require a plan to prevent  
2 29 full-blown high blood pressure; and  
2 30 WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been  
3 1 developed to treat high blood pressure and minimize  
3 2 the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but much  
3 3 more research is needed; NOW THEREFORE,  
3 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
3 5 That the House of Representatives recognizes May 2007  
3 6 as American Stroke Awareness Month and National High  
3 7 Blood Pressure Education Month in Iowa and urges all  
3 8 citizens to react to stroke symptoms immediately and  
3 9 treat high blood pressure aggressively so that we  
3 10 might begin to reduce the devastating effects of  
3 11 stroke on our population; and  
3 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of

3 13 Representatives recognizes the American Stroke  
3 14 Association, a division of the American Heart  
3 15 Association, for its ongoing efforts to educate  
3 16 Americans concerning the threat posed by strokes and  
3 17 high blood pressure.  
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