

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, 33 locally operated and  
2 supported Texas chapters of the American Red Cross have assisted  
3 disaster victims and provided information and education to help  
4 individuals more effectively respond to emergencies; and

5           WHEREAS, In today's uncertain environment, the American Red  
6 Cross has collaborated with the federal government and other  
7 emergency-planning community partners to create Together We  
8 Prepare; this basic, five-step initiative--to make a plan, build a  
9 kit, get trained, volunteer, and give blood--shows how each of us  
10 can make our communities, and ultimately our country, safer; and

11           WHEREAS, In the year 2002 alone, Texans helped each other by  
12 making more than 102,000 blood donations, while over 33,500  
13 volunteers assisted in the work of their local chapters; in  
14 addition, nearly 508,000 individuals learned such lifesaving  
15 skills as first aid, defibrillator use, and CPR; and

16           WHEREAS, American Red Cross services benefited myriad Texas  
17 military families last year, as well as victims of more than 4,900  
18 disasters, including fires, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, and  
19 tornadoes; moreover, volunteers from the Lone Star State traveled  
20 to other countries struck by natural disasters in order to help  
21 people get access to safe drinking water and aid in the fight  
22 against malnutrition and life-threatening diseases; and

23           WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has long been a major source  
24 of comfort and support in time of emergency, and it is a privilege

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1 to join in recognizing the organization's significant  
2 contributions to the lives of Texans over the years; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 2003 as American Red Cross Month  
6 in Texas and commend all those affiliated with this exemplary  
7 organization for their outstanding efforts in promoting safety and  
8 providing disaster relief.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 369 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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