

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 382

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize March as American Red Cross Month and March 19, 2003, as American Red Cross Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the American Red Cross throughout its history has been to help people in need, and that mission is more relevant than ever today as the American Red Cross confronts the unique challenges our state and our nation face; and

WHEREAS, After the terrorist attacks against this nation, the heroic efforts of members of the American Red Cross became a source of strength to people around the world and led to a bold new initiative to better serve the nation; with its new program, *Together We Prepare*, the Red Cross is leading the way in empowering individuals and families to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, Compassionate and caring people who volunteer through the American Red Cross make a difference in the lives of others; last year, more than 33,500 silent heroes volunteered at their local Red Cross chapters, almost 508,000 took classes in lifesaving skills, and volunteer donors made 102,000 blood donations through the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, For more than 86 years, the Texas chapters of the American Red Cross have provided relief to victims of disasters while helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the American Red Cross for its efforts in helping others and for the invaluable services it provides our state and nation and encourage all Texans to pay tribute to this organization on March 19, 2003; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the American Red Cross as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate