

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 558

WHEREAS, For more than a century, the American Red Cross has been at the forefront of institutions helping Americans to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters that affect our country, our communities, and our neighborhoods; our nation depends on the Red Cross in times of need, and the Red Cross depends on the support of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Each year, during the month of March, the nation formally recognizes the American Red Cross and its essential role in our communities; we honor the Red Cross' contributions to Texas, and during this month, we focus on the spirit of the volunteers, donors, partners, and employees who support the Red Cross mission of humanitarianism; and

WHEREAS, For years, the Red Cross in Texas has relied on the everyday heroes who donate time, blood, or money and who help coordinate blood drives and provide assistance to those affected by disasters, such as fires, tornadoes, and floods; these heroes give of themselves to make things better for those around them and for those they have never met; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, the Red Cross Chapters in Texas responded to thousands of local emergencies, assisted numerous military families, and trained countless people in lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid; more than 10,000 victims of disasters received help from the Texas Chapters last year, and over 60,000 United States military families received direct assistance from the Red Cross through Armed Forces Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Texas Red Cross Chapters and over 74,000 volunteers and donors provide valuable tools and education to individuals, families, workplaces, and schools; volunteers and donors are the heart of the Red Cross, as they donate their time, energy, and resources to selflessly serve those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim March of 2007 American Red Cross Month in the State of Texas and commend all Texas Red Cross Chapters for their invaluable work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of American Red Cross Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 28, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate