

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year during the month of March, citizens across
2 the nation recognize the American Red Cross and the essential role
3 it plays in our communities, and this tradition provides a welcome
4 occasion to honor the Parker County Branch of the Chisholm Trail
5 Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross for its contributions to
6 the local area; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was designated in 1905 by the
8 United States Congress as the lead volunteer agency responsible for
9 national relief in times of peace, including assistance during
10 famine, fire, flood, and other calamities; by offering education,
11 lifesaving information, and first aid training, the organization
12 also helps citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to
13 emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, An independent charitable organization, the
15 American Red Cross is supported by the generosity of its donors; to
16 perform its vital work, the Red Cross relies on everyday heroes who
17 contribute in various ways, from coordinating blood drives to
18 offering their assistance in response to natural disasters and
19 other crises; and

20 WHEREAS, The Parker County Branch of the Chisholm Trail
21 Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross is headquartered in
22 Weatherford and covers an area of approximately 910 square miles
23 with a population of more than 116,000; in 2010, the Chisholm Trail
24 Regional Chapter responded to over 600 incidents in its 23 service

1 counties, including windstorms, tornadoes, and wildfires; the
2 chapter also provides family preparedness training and water safety
3 and lifeguard instruction, and it facilitates communications
4 between members of the military and their loved ones; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross touches millions of lives
6 each year, and with its mission to both prevent and relieve
7 suffering, the organization and its community branches are
8 deserving of the enduring respect and support of all Texans; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 2011 as American Red Cross Month
12 and honor the Parker County Branch of the Chisholm Trail Regional
13 Chapter of the American Red Cross for its beneficial work; and, be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the Parker County Branch as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

King of Parker

H.R. No. 611

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 611 was adopted by the House on March 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House