

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 611

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.