

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross of Southeast and Deep East
2 Texas is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2017, and this
3 significant milestone truly merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by Clara Barton in 1881, the American
5 Red Cross has been committed throughout its history to providing
6 both disaster relief and humanitarian aid to military personnel; in
7 1917, with the United States' entry into World War I, patriotic and
8 compassionate citizens in Southeast and Deep East Texas gathered
9 together to form local chapters of the organization, ensuring the
10 area stood ready to support the troops during the Great War; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the ARC of Southeast and Deep East Texas
12 serves the people of Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson,
13 Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, and
14 Tyler Counties; its volunteers and personnel remain committed to
15 the Red Cross mission of alleviating human suffering, and in recent
16 years, they have played instrumental roles in assisting the victims
17 of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike; since 2014, the chapter has
18 been led by executive director Chester R. Jourdan Jr.; and

19 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the men and women of the Red Cross of
20 Southeast and Deep East Texas have come to the aid of their
21 neighbors during times of crisis and adversity, and their
22 exceptional skill and dedication have saved lives, provided comfort
23 to those in need, and strengthened their communities; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the American Red
3 Cross of Southeast and Deep East Texas and extend to all those
4 associated with this outstanding organization sincere best wishes
5 for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the chapter as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 791 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House