

House Resolution 1428

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Ashe of the 56th, Cheokas of the 134th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross and proclaiming March, 2008, American Red Cross
2 Month in Georgia and inviting its representatives to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and is the
5 organization through which tens of thousands of our caring citizens – "Hometown Heroes"
6 – give freely of their time, talent, money, and blood to help ease and prevent human suffering
7 and to save lives in our state, the nation, and the world; and

8 WHEREAS, the Red Cross, though not a government agency itself, collaborates with
9 Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all types and, last year,
10 provided food, clothing, shelter, first aid, health care, and counseling to more than 4,300
11 Georgia families following 3,100 disasters such as home fires, floods, tornadoes, and
12 hurricanes; and

13 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day – last year alone, Red Cross
14 Blood Services collected more than 285,700 pints of blood from Georgia blood donors, who
15 in turn saved up to 857,000 lives through their selfless generosity; and

16 WHEREAS, last year, the Red Cross training in programs such as first aid, CPR, use of an
17 AED, and Water Safety gave more than 166,000 of our citizens the confidence and skills
18 they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

19 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only world-wide
20 communications link between service members and their loved ones, and last year, the Red
21 Cross helped 21,600 of Georgia's military families send emergency messages, get financial
22 assistance, find counseling and get referrals, and briefed 49,000 family members on services
23 available to them; and

1 WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission, and the Red Cross, in
2 partnership with state and local agencies, is helping Georgia's families become safer,
3 healthier, and better prepared for the unexpected, whether natural disasters, manmade threats,
4 or health emergencies such as a pandemic flu outbreak; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body recognize and celebrate the contributions of Georgia's
6 Hometown Heroes – Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of the body join the President of the United States, the Governor of Georgia,
9 and government officials across the country in proclaiming March, 2008, American Red
10 Cross Month and call upon all citizens to support and honor this organization and recognize
11 its proud heritage of service and invite its representatives to appear before the House of
12 Representatives on a day and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives.