

## Senate Resolution 998

By: Senators James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Scientology Volunteer Ministers Corps; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Scientology Volunteer Ministers Corps is a program of the Church of  
3 Scientology that provides community service, disaster relief, and emergency response; and

4 WHEREAS, created over 30 years ago by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, the  
5 Scientology Volunteer Ministers Corps has expanded over the years to include 203,000  
6 volunteer ministers worldwide who have served at 126 international disaster sites, including  
7 Ground Zero after September 11th, the Southeast Asia tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina; and

8 WHEREAS, Volunteer Ministers have trained and partnered with over 800 different aid  
9 groups, organizations, and agencies, including the Red Cross, FEMA, the National Guard,  
10 and local police and fire departments; and

11 WHEREAS, the Scientology Volunteer Ministers Corps are currently serving in Haiti and  
12 the Dominican Republic to assist in the recovery efforts after the nation was devastated on  
13 January 12, 2010, by an 7.0 magnitude earthquake; and

14 WHEREAS, Volunteer Ministers provide organizational support to medical teams, helping  
15 them to focus on attending to the injured, and provide skilled logistical support to aid the  
16 recovery; and

17 WHEREAS, since the earthquake, Volunteer Ministers has transported 30,400 pounds of  
18 medical supplies, food, and water and 286 doctors, nurses, and medics to the nation,  
19 providing assistance to over 28,000 people; and

20 WHEREAS, the Volunteer Ministers' selfless service to the nation of Haiti and the survivors  
21 of one of the most catastrophic natural disasters in the history of the Western World stands  
22 as a true example of compassionate humanitarianism and is worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend the Scientology Volunteer Ministers Corps on its tradition and history of service  
25 to others and extend their utmost respect and thanks for the Volunteer Ministers' altruistic  
26 service to the people of Haiti.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Scientology Volunteer Ministers  
29 Corps.