

House Resolution 1454

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Harbin of the 118th, Ashe of the 56th, Bruce of the 64th, Jacobs of the 80th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross and proclaiming March, 2012, American Red Cross
2 Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia by
4 empowering tens of thousands of our caring citizens — "Hometown Heroes" — to make a
5 difference each day by giving of their time, talent, money, and blood to help ease and prevent
6 human suffering and to save lives down the street, across the country, and around the world;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Red Cross, though not a government agency itself, is a valued partner that
9 collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all
10 types; and

11 WHEREAS, last year, through a state-wide network of 13 chapters, the Red Cross provided
12 food, clothing, shelter, first aid, health care, and counseling to nearly 4,400 Georgia families
13 following 3,100 local disasters, primarily home fires; and

14 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day — last year alone, Red Cross
15 Southern Blood Services collected, processed, and tested blood collected from generous
16 donors state wide and distributed blood, including red blood cells and platelets, to more than
17 120 Georgia hospitals; and

18 WHEREAS, last year, Red Cross training in programs such as First Aid, CPR, use of an
19 AED, and Water Safety gave nearly 105,600 of our citizens the confidence and skills they
20 need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

21 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only world-wide
22 communications link between service members and their loved ones; last year, the Red Cross
23 helped 11,300 of Georgia's military families send emergency messages, get financial

24 assistance, find counseling, and get referrals and briefed more than 74,300 family members
25 on services available to them; and

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

30 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body recognize and celebrate the contributions of Georgia's
31 Hometown Heroes — Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees, including
32 those who are visiting the capitol on March 14, 2012.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join the President of the United States, the Governor of the State
35 of Georgia, and government officials across the country in proclaiming March, 2012,
36 American Red Cross Month and call upon the citizens to support and honor this organization
37 and recognize its proud heritage of service.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Red Cross.