

## Senate Resolution 764

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52, Burke of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd and Hill of the 6th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross of Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has played a vital humanitarian role in Georgia for the  
3 past 100 years and continues to empower millions of our citizens to make a difference with  
4 life-saving skills and donations of time, money, and blood that ease human suffering locally,  
5 nationally, and globally; and

6 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is not a government agency, but rather a valued,  
7 nonprofit partner that collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond  
8 to disasters of all types; and

9 WHEREAS, last year, through a state-wide network of 12 chapters, the American Red Cross  
10 mobilized volunteers to provide emergency shelter, hot meals, new clothing, health and  
11 counseling services, and other essentials to 3,600 families following more than 2,750 local  
12 disasters in Georgia including home fires, tornadoes, and floods; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day; the Southern  
14 Blood Services Region collects blood from generous donors in Georgia and parts of South  
15 Carolina and Florida, and provides blood and blood products, including red blood cells and  
16 platelets, to 100 hospitals in the region; and

17 WHEREAS, last year, the American Red Cross training in programs such as First Aid, CPR,  
18 use of an AED, and Water Safety and Caregiving gave 47,000 of our citizens the confidence  
19 and skills they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

20 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the American Red Cross provides the only  
21 world-wide communications link between service members and their loved ones; last year,  
22 it helped 16,800 of Georgia's military community send emergency messages, get financial

23 assistance, find counseling, and get referrals, and it briefed 51,000 family members on  
24 American Red Cross services available to them; and

25 WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the American Red Cross' mission, and, in  
26 partnership with state and local agencies, it is helping Georgia families become safer,  
27 healthier, and better prepared for the unexpected.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend the American Red Cross of Georgia on its efforts in improving the quality of life  
30 for Georgians devastated by disaster.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Red Cross of Georgia.