

House Resolution 1188

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 119th, Lindsey of the 54th, Channell of the 120th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross of Georgia and inviting its representatives to be
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the American Red Cross of Georgia on its efforts in
31 improving the quality of life for Georgians devastated by disaster, and invite its
32 representatives to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
33 determined by the Speaker of the House.

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