

Senate Resolution 133

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Harrell of the 40th, Echols of the 49th, Jackson of the 41st and Still of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Red Cross and recognizing March 2023 as Red Cross Month in Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and empowers millions
4 of our citizens to make a difference with lifesaving skills and donations of time, money, and
5 blood that ease human suffering down the street, across the country, and around the world;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, last year through a statewide network of eight chapters, Georgia's Red Cross
11 mobilized volunteers in person and virtually; it also provided emergency assistance and
12 supplied essentials like lodging, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional
13 support to more than 14,000 people in response to more than 3,300 local disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, the Southern Blood Services Region collected more than 178,000 blood
15 donations from generous volunteers in our state to help supply area hospitals by hosting over
16 8,000 blood drives; and

17 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide
18 communications link between service members and their loved ones; the Red Cross further
19 provided casework services for 20,000 military families in Georgia by helping them send
20 emergency messages and acquire financial assistance, counseling, and referrals throughout
21 2022; and

22 WHEREAS, the Red Cross worked with community partners to reduce fire-related deaths
23 and injuries by installing more than 3,700 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helped
24 residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Sound the Alarm Campaign last
25 year; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the significant contributions made
27 by Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, who gave more than 223,000 hours of their time; bedside
28 blood donors; financial donors; partners; and employees serving in communities statewide.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend the Red Cross for its efforts and recognize March 2023 as Red Cross Month in
31 Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Red Cross.