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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CENTRAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN
2 RED CROSS AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 2000 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
3 IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a national humanitarian
5 organization that provides immediate help for people in times of
6 emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross attracts thousands of people
8 to volunteer time and talents to help their neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, countless Mississippians have been helped by
10 American Red Cross disaster relief, health and safety education,
11 and service to military families; and

12 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has been a vital part of
13 communities throughout Mississippi since the early 1900's; and

14 WHEREAS, for over 80 years the American Red Cross in central
15 Mississippi has been there when help can't wait; serving meals,
16 sheltering disaster victims, helping families prepare for
17 emergencies and teaching our children to be safe; and serving as
18 the state coordinating chapter and lead unit providing guidance,
19 leadership, and support to the additional Red Cross chapters and
20 military stations in Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, the origin of the Central Mississippi Chapter of the
22 American Red Cross dates back to May 1917, the month following
23 America's entry into World War I; the chapter founded when
24 business owners in Jackson began a fundraising drive to provide
25 ambulance services for United States soldiers in France fighting
26 the war:

27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
28 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the Central Mississippi
29 Chapter of the American Red Cross and proclaim March 2000 as
30 American Red Cross Month in the State of Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
32 presented to representatives of the American Red Cross and be made
33 available to the Capitol Press Corps.