

By: Representative Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2007 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS
2 MONTH AND HONORING THOSE TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THE
3 AMERICAN RED CROSS IN EXECUTING ITS HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

4 WHEREAS, for more than a century, the American Red Cross has
5 been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for
6 and respond to large and small disasters resulting in families and
7 communities depending on the Red Cross in times of need; and

8 WHEREAS, each year during the month of March, we formally
9 recognize the American Red Cross and its essential humanitarian
10 role in our community and honor the role of the American Red
11 Cross's contribution to making Mississippi a better place; and

12 WHEREAS, because the American Red Cross depends on the
13 support of the American people, this year we focus on the spirit
14 of the volunteers, donors, partners and employees who support the
15 American Red Cross mission of humanitarianism; and

16 WHEREAS, Mississippi has 15 American Red Cross chapters and
17 one (1) blood region with heroes who tirelessly serve their
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, the American Red Cross of
20 Mississippi has relied on the everyday heroes who donate time,
21 blood or money, help coordinate blood drives, respond to
22 emergencies, take midnight calls when a neighbor loses their home
23 to a fire; and

24 WHEREAS, Mississippi is the place where compassionate people
25 freely give their time and talent to help prevent and ease human
26 suffering among friends, neighbors and even strangers and this
27 fact was proven when the citizens of Mississippi made

28 contributions to fund the cost of providing immediate relief to
29 thousands who were the victims of house fires, floods and
30 tornadoes, volunteered for those in need, gave blood at coastal
31 chapters and learned CPR to save the lives of friends, neighbors
32 and strangers; and

33 WHEREAS, the Mississippi American Red Cross consists of
34 nearly 11,000 volunteers who provide valuable tools and education
35 to individuals, families, workplaces and schools which make us all
36 stronger and more resilient; and

37 WHEREAS, this past year, the Mississippi American Red Cross
38 chapters responded to over 1,900 local emergencies, assisted over
39 7,000 military families, and trained over 63,000 people in
40 lifesaving skills such as CPR, AED and first aid; and

41 WHEREAS, this year on Hometown Heroes Day, we dedicate a day
42 to our committed volunteers of the American Red Cross, our
43 hometown heroes, who we celebrate for their contributions in
44 building a better quality of life in Mississippi and who for the
45 next 125 years and beyond will continue to meet the needs of the
46 public by fostering volunteers who are professional, prepared and
47 committed to continuing the tradition of providing supreme service
48 to our community; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
50 recognize and celebrate the efforts of citizens who give so much
51 time to help others:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 proclaim March 2007 as American Red Cross Month and honor those
55 tireless volunteers who assist the American Red Cross in executing
56 its humanitarian efforts.