

By: Representative Hines

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
2 AND ENCOURAGING ALL MISSISSIPPI CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF
3 MARCH 2024 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi encourages all of its
6 citizens to observe the month of March 2024 as American Red Cross
7 Month and celebrate the humanitarian spirit of Mississippi and
8 reaffirm our commitment to help ensure no one faces a crisis
9 alone; and

10 WHEREAS, caring for one another is at the heart of our
11 community and exemplified by the people of Mississippi, whose
12 simple acts of kindness through the Red Cross provide help and
13 hope in people's most difficult moments, continuing the life
14 saving legacy of Clara Barton, who founded the organization more
15 than 140 years ago to prevent and alleviate human suffering; and

16 WHEREAS, every day, these ordinary individuals lend a helping
17 hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need,
18 whether it is providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for
19 families displaced by home fires and other disasters; donating



20 life saving blood for hospital patients; supporting military
21 members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers,
22 through the unique challenges of service; using vital skills like
23 first aid and CPR to help others survive medical emergencies; or
24 delivering international humanitarian aid and reconnecting loved
25 ones separated by crises around the world; and

26 WHEREAS, the support, volunteerism and generous donations of
27 the Red Cross are critical to Mississippi's resilience, and during
28 the March 2023 tornadoes that ravaged communities from Rolling
29 Fork to Amory, the people of Mississippi and its volunteers showed
30 such compassion during that devastating time; and

31 WHEREAS, we encourage everyone to recognize this month of
32 March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara Barton's noble
33 words, "You must never think of anything except the need and how
34 to meet it," and ask everyone to join in this commitment; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 acknowledge and honor remarkable organizations such as the
37 American Red Cross in which ordinary citizens perform
38 extraordinary acts of service to not only make this great state a
39 better place but this world a better place:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 honor and celebrate the American Red Cross and encourage all
43 Mississippi citizens to recognize the month of March 2024 as
44 American Red Cross Month throughout the State of Mississippi.



45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross,
47 the State Board of Health and to the members of the Capitol Press
48 Corps.

