By: Senator(s) Frazier, McCaughn, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 530

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2024 AS "AMERICAN 2 RED CROSS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI" IN SUPPORT OF ITS CRITICAL 3 HUMANITARIAN MISSION. 4 WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month in March, we celebrate the humanitarian spirit of Mississippi and reaffirm our 5 6 commitment to help ensure no one faces a crisis alone; and 7 WHEREAS, caring for one another is at the heart of our community and exemplified by the people of Mississippi, whose 8 9 simple acts of kindness through the Red Cross provide help and hope in people's most difficult moments, continuing the 10 11 life-saving legacy of Clara Barton, who founded the organization 12 more than 140 years ago to prevent and alleviate human suffering; 13 and 14 WHEREAS, every day, these ordinary individuals lend a helping 15 hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need, 16 whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families displaced by home fires and other disasters; donating 17

life-saving blood for cancer patients, accident victims, and

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- 19 people with sickle cell disease and other life-threatening
- 20 conditions; supporting military members and veterans, along with
- 21 their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of
- 22 service; using vital skills like first aid and CPR to help others
- 23 survive medical emergencies; or delivering international
- 24 humanitarian aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by crises
- 25 around the world; and
- 26 WHEREAS, their support, volunteerism and generous donations
- 27 are critical to our community's resilience. We hereby recognize
- 28 this month of March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara
- 29 Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything except the
- 30 need and how to meet it," and ask everyone to join in this
- 31 commitment:
- 32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 33 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
- 34 we do hereby extend the support of the Mississippi Legislature for
- 35 the critical humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross and
- 36 designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi,"
- 37 encouraging all citizens of Mississippi to reach out and assist in
- 38 this commitment.
- 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 40 the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross, forwarded to
- 41 the State Board of Health, and made available to the Capitol Press
- 42 Corps.