

By Senator Posey

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Space Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross in Brevard County.

WHEREAS, the Space Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross is the primary organization in Brevard County specializing in Disaster Relief and has served Brevard County for 90 years, and

WHEREAS, the Space Coast Chapter exemplifies the American Red Cross as a humanitarian organization led by volunteers which provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Space Coast Chapter's 10 paid staff members and more than 200 volunteers are guided by the fundamental principles of the American Red Cross - Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality, and

WHEREAS, paid staff and volunteers from the Space Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross provide Emergency messaging to members of the military and their families through our Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Department, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Department has served the county in times of all natural or man-made disasters, including the many wildfires over the past 90 years, and

WHEREAS, during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne, and Ivan, the Chapter rendered assistance to more than 2,500 residents and distributed over \$4 million to aid in the recovery of Brevard County residents during the unprecedented hurricane season of 2004, and

1           WHEREAS, the Chapter has responded to more than 5,000  
2 single home fires in its remarkable history, and

3           WHEREAS, the Chapter's Health and Safety Department has  
4 been the leader in community education and training in Brevard  
5 County throughout the Chapter's 90-year history, and training  
6 more than 450,000 individuals in first aid and CPR; 120,000  
7 adults and children in aquatics and water safety; 5,000  
8 residents in HIV/AIDS prevention; and 150,000 in  
9 mission-related caregiving for the elderly and other priority  
10 groups, NOW, THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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14           That this body does pause in its deliberations to  
15 recognize the dedicated efforts and exemplary work of the  
16 Space Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross, led by Janet  
17 Weigold Bryant, in the Chapter's continued mission to serve  
18 the residents of Brevard County in their time of need during  
19 natural or man-made disasters.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
21 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Space  
22 Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross as a token of the  
23 sentiments of the Florida Senate.  
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