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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and commending the American  
3 Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps on the occasion  
4 of its 100th anniversary.  
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6 WHEREAS, in March 1912, under the leadership of Dr. Lyman  
7 G. Haskell, Clarence H. MacDonald, and Commodore Wilbert E.  
8 Longfellow, Florida's first cadre unit of the United States  
9 Volunteer Life Saving Corps (USVLSC) was established in  
10 Jacksonville Beach, then called Pablo Beach, and

11 WHEREAS, on April 17, 1914, this USVLSC became the American  
12 Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps, Coast Guard Division One,  
13 after being chartered by the American National Red Cross, and

14 WHEREAS, over the last 100 years, the Corps' volunteers  
15 have contributed over 1,290,000 hours of service, performed and  
16 recorded 1,430 life-saving rescues and 1,753 life-saving  
17 assists, and logged more than 25,000 first aid cases, and

18 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps  
19 is the last such life-saving organization still in continuous  
20 operation in the United States, and

21 WHEREAS, the men and women of the American Red Cross  
22 Volunteer Life Saving Corps have provided a century of  
23 uninterrupted beach guard services on every Sunday and holiday  
24 throughout the summer beach season along the beaches and waters  
25 of Jacksonville Beach, and

26 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps  
27 has had a positive impact on both the community of Jacksonville

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28 | Beach and on the character of the men and women who have  
29 | volunteered their time to the organization, and

30 |       WHEREAS, in 2012, the American Red Cross Volunteer Life  
31 | Saving Corps celebrates the 100th anniversary of its creation as  
32 | Florida's first Volunteer Life Saving Corps, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
35 | Florida:

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37 |       That the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps is  
38 | recognized on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and its  
39 | volunteers commended for their dedicated services to the  
40 | citizens and visitors of this state.

41 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
42 | presented to Carl Fox, Chairman of the Board of the Northeast  
43 | Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross, Maurice M. Rudolph,  
44 | President of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross  
45 | Volunteer Life Saving Corps, and Taylor Anderson, the 2011-2012  
46 | Captain of the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps,  
47 | as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.