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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the critical mission of the  
3 American Red Cross in Florida and the lifesaving  
4 achievements of its Home Fire Campaign.

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6 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian  
7 organization founded in 1881 and originally chartered by  
8 Congress as a federal instrumentality in 1900, but today  
9 receives no federal funding, and

10 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 135th anniversary of the founding  
11 of the American Red Cross, and

12 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates  
13 human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the  
14 power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, and

15 WHEREAS, American Red Cross disaster assistance is free,  
16 and 91 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to mission  
17 service delivery, and

18 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has answered the call to  
19 assist and prepare Floridians before, during, and after  
20 disasters since 1901, and

21 WHEREAS, the three American Red Cross regions in Florida  
22 are participating in a nationwide campaign to reduce deaths  
23 caused by home fires by 25 percent over the next 4 years by  
24 assisting individuals and families in preparing a fire safety  
25 plan and installing free smoke alarms in homes, and

26 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign in its  
27 first year has helped 18,536 individuals prepare personal fire  
28 safety plans and has installed more than 14,932 smoke alarms,  
29 helping to make Floridians better prepared and more resilient,  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, March is recognized as "American Red Cross Month"  
32 across this nation, and

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33 WHEREAS, the preparedness goals of the American Red Cross  
34 and the organization's call for disaster preparedness will save  
35 lives, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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37 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:  
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39 That we recognize the critical mission of the American Red  
40 Cross in Florida and the lifesaving achievements of its Home  
41 Fire Campaign.