

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, March is recognized as "American Red Cross Month" 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.