

House Resolution 1207

By: Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Cooper of the 45th, McCollum of the 30th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Gambill of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Red Cross and recognizing March 2024 as Red Cross Month in Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and empowers millions
4 of our citizens to make a difference with lifesaving skills and donations of time, money, and
5 blood that ease human suffering down the street, across the country, and around the world;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is not a government agency but rather a valued nonprofit partner
8 that collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of
9 all types; and

10 WHEREAS, last year through a statewide network of eight chapters, Georgia's Red Cross
11 mobilized volunteers in person and virtually; it also provided emergency assistance and
12 supplied essentials like lodging, hot meals, new clothing, health services, and emotional
13 support to more than 13,500 people in response to more than 2,600 local disasters; and

14 WHEREAS, during 2023, more than 90,000 Georgians were trained in first aid, CPR, care
15 giving, water safety, and aquatics; and

16 WHEREAS, the Southern Blood Services Region collected more than 167,000 units of blood
17 from generous volunteers in our state to help supply area hospitals from more than 8,000
18 blood drives and donor centers; and

19 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only worldwide
20 communications link between service members and their loved ones; the Red Cross
21 supported our military families and veterans through more than 18,000 case services in
22 Georgia by helping them send emergency messages and acquire financial assistance,
23 counseling, and referrals throughout 2023; and

24 WHEREAS, the Red Cross worked with community partners to reduce fire-related deaths
25 and injuries by installing more than 6,000 smoke alarms in vulnerable homes and helped
26 residents with fire escape plans as part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign including
27 Sound the Alarm events last year; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the significant contributions made
29 by Georgia's Red Cross volunteers, who gave more than 238,000 hours of their time; bedside
30 blood donors; financial donors; partners; and employees serving in communities statewide.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the Red Cross for its efforts and recognize March 2024
33 as Red Cross Month in Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 Red Cross.