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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, the contributions of more than 3,500 local Red Cross volunteers give hope to the most vulnerable in their darkest hours; and

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WHEREAS, The Red Cross provides emergency shelter, food, and comfort for families devastated by local disasters and responds to approximately 2,000 disasters annually throughout Illinois, most of which are home fires; and

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WHEREAS, The Red Cross donates blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease and annually collects more than 150,000 units of blood at 5,000 blood drives in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Red Cross supports service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life, and local Red Cross volunteers facilitate more than 9,000 emergency services for the military annually; and

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WHEREAS, The Red Cross helps to save the lives of others with first aid, CPR, and other skills, and annually, local Red Cross volunteers train approximately 100,000 people in

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1 lifesaving skills; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we declare March 2023 as "Red Cross Month" and March 22, 2023  
5 as "Red Cross Giving Day" in honor of all who fulfill Clara  
6 Barton's noble words, "You must never think of anything except  
7 the need and how to meet it."; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That we urge everyone to join in this commitment  
9 to give to others, and we encourage all citizens of Illinois to  
10 support the noble efforts of the Red Cross; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the American Red Cross as a symbol of our respect  
13 and esteem.