

House Resolution No. 1849

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly value the excellent, diverse work provided by the American Red Cross to the citizens and residents of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, in addition to its widely-publicized blood donation drives, the American Red Cross also engages in the planning, preparedness, community education, mitigation, and victim relief activities connected with Disaster Services; training in first aid, CPR, aquatics and water safety, HIV/AIDS prevention, and mission-related care giving for the elderly and other priority groups associated with Health and Safety Services; emergency communications and social services which assist military personnel in resolving family emergencies through Armed Forces Emergency Services; locally developed, delivered, and managed Community Services that meet local community needs and that are sustained by financial and volunteer support of the local community; and the support of international disaster relief and the development of national societies which support the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and

Whereas, each of Missouri's twenty-two Chapters of the American Red Cross fully abides by the organization's Principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross provides complete coverage and prompt service delivery to all Missourians by dividing the state into seven geographic zones, each of which contains a Zone Lead that is responsible for providing services in counties without a local Chapter; and

Whereas, Edna Bridges is the Chapter Executive of the Phelps-Pulaski County Chapter in Rolla, Missouri, which has two paid staffers and 170 volunteers who in the year 2003 assisted 36 families after a disaster; worked with 2,271 health and safety enrollees; served 240 armed forces cases; trained 135 in disaster response; and provided 55 community services:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar labors conducted by the American Red Cross and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for continued success in all of their much-appreciated endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Phelps-Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Offered by _____
 Representative James Viebrock
 District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1849, adopted April 20, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker