

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Stupak, recognizing March as Red Cross
2 Month, and urging all Kentuckians to learn more about the American Red Cross and
3 increase their volunteerism.

4 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881; and

5 WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the organization and its humanitarian mission,
6 March was first proclaimed Red Cross Month in 1943 by President Franklin D.
7 Roosevelt. All United States presidents since President Roosevelt have designated March
8 as Red Cross Month, bringing recognition to this important service organization that
9 helps people across the country and around the world through its workforce powered by
10 more than 90 percent volunteers; and

11 WHEREAS, every eight minutes in the United States, the Red Cross connects with
12 a family who has lost everything, from the roof over their heads, to their clothes, to their
13 most cherished possessions; and

14 WHEREAS, in January alone, Red Cross volunteers helped approximately 24,000
15 people affected by more than 5,700 home fires across all states. Last year, Red Cross
16 volunteers helped millions of people who were reeling from a second consecutive year of
17 record wildfires, hurricanes, tragic shootings, and other large disasters; and

18 WHEREAS, March gives the Red Cross an opportunity to promote its services and
19 celebrate its successes in serving communities throughout the United States. This
20 recognition acts as a way for the public to learn more about the organization and to lend
21 support through donations and volunteerism. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit
22 organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to
23 perform its mission; and

24 WHEREAS, Joseph Stupak, who lives in Brandenburg, Kentucky, is a Red Cross
25 volunteer who has received a special plaque for his generosity. Mr. Stupak has donated 45
26 gallons and two pints of blood and plasma to the Red Cross over more than 30 years.
27 While his goal was to donate 50 gallons, he was forced to stop after a mini-stroke in

1 2002;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives honor Joseph Stupak,
6 recognize March as Red Cross Month, and urge all Kentuckians to learn more about the
7 American Red Cross and increase their volunteerism.

8 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
9 honor of Joseph Stupak and the Red Cross.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit one
11 copy of this Resolution to Representative Nancy Tate for delivery.