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3 By Representative Graham
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 19-JAN-10

8 COMMENDING SANDRA HARRIS UPON HER EXEMPLARY
9 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to recognize Sandra
12 Harris, the Executive Director of the Tallapoosa County
13 Chapter of the American Red Cross for her many years of
14 exemplary service; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris, a native of Alexander City,
16 began her work as Executive Director nearly 39 years ago with
17 a desire to serve her community; her passion for helping
18 others enabled her to answer her call to duty, responding to
19 emergencies on a 24 hours a day basis for the entirety of her
20 years of service; and

21 WHEREAS, her leadership in service led to her record
22 setting accomplishment in the State of Alabama with the Red
23 Cross in collecting 1,149 units of blood in a Russell
24 Corporation blood drive; and

25 WHEREAS, her dedication to military families
26 provided her most gratifying work in the Red Cross in its
27 "Services to Military Families Program" by taking charge of

her responsibility to notify military servicemen and women in both times of sadness of family crisis, and joy of birth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris has successfully tackled many natural disasters throughout the years; responding to the Ice Storm of 1982 by housing those in need of warm shelter, responding to the victims of Hurricanes Opal, Ivan, Dennis, and Katrina; particularly with Hurricane Katrina, by providing housing needs at Wind Creek State Park and by coordinating funds that generated over \$475,000 in resources to provide local services to evacuees; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of dedication to the Red Cross, Mrs. Harris has held onto her ties to God and family, with membership at First Baptist Church and by maintaining a blessed marriage of 49 years to her husband, Wayne, and rearing three children, Robb, Scott, and Alyson; she is the loving grandmother to six grandchildren, Beth, Brooke, Tanner, Taylor, Sydney, and Eli; and

WHEREAS, through her exemplary leadership, the Tallapoosa County Chapter of the Red Cross was recognized for being one of the top chapters in the nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a tremendous honor to recognize the tireless years of service of Mrs. Sandra Harris in addressing the needs of others through her work as the Executive Director of the Tallapoosa County Chapter of the American Red Cross.