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Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day.

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Mr. FORTUÑO (for himself and Mr. LANTOS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day.

Whereas World Red Cross Red Crescent Day will be observed on May 8, 2007;

Whereas May 8 marks the birth of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who began advocating for the humane treatment of the war-time sick and wounded after witnessing the atrocities at the Battle of Solferino in 1859;

Whereas World Red Cross Red Crescent Day is celebrated by many of the 185 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies throughout the world and more than 750 chapters throughout the United States;

Whereas through the motivation and action of its volunteers and donors, the American Red Cross and its partners

worldwide pay tribute to Henry Dunant's legacy by helping those in need and protecting human dignity for all;

Whereas the American Red Cross, as part of the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, helps vulnerable people and communities around the world to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and life-threatening health conditions;

Whereas the American Red Cross is uniquely positioned to save lives through the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's network of 97,000,000 volunteers located in nearly every country in the world;

Whereas in 2006, the American Red Cross responded to 23 international disasters, contributing more than \$16.1 million in financial support, deploying delegates and providing relief supplies and other emergency assistance to millions affected by disasters;

Whereas the American Red Cross continues to help affected communities recover from the tsunami by providing assistance to more than 3.3 million people through long-term recovery programs and more than 80 million people through disease control activities in tsunami-affected countries;

Whereas since 2001, the American Red Cross and its partners in the Measles Initiative have vaccinated more than 372 million children in 48 countries against measles;

Whereas World Red Cross Red Crescent Day will honor the efforts of Red Cross workers and volunteers who work tirelessly to alleviate human suffering: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
2 the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Move-
3 ment—the world’s largest humanitarian network—by hon-
4 oring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day.

