

## Senate Resolution 169

By: Senators Hall of the 22nd and Brush of the 24th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, and  
2 paramedics of Georgia and observing the sixth annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
3 Recognition Day; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through a coordinated, state-wide network, the emergency medical services  
5 professionals of Georgia respond to almost one million calls for assistance annually, risking  
6 their lives on a daily basis to go to the aid of those in need; and

7 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 5,000 first responders, 8,200 emergency  
8 medical technicians, 190 cardiac technicians, and 4,100 paramedics who provide the essential  
9 lifesaving services associated with out-of-hospital emergency medical care delivery; and

10 WHEREAS, these thousands of professionals perform their lifesaving duties through a  
11 network composed of hundreds of nonlicensed first responder providers, certified automated  
12 external defibrillator providers, air ambulance transport providers, and in excess of 300  
13 licensed first responder services, emergency medical services, and neonatal transport  
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, the goals of each and every one of these individuals and services include illness  
16 and injury prevention activities; trauma system development activities; public information  
17 and education activities; improvement of the health and wellness of our children in  
18 cooperation with Georgia's Emergency Medical Services for Children program; the prompt,  
19 efficient, and effective delivery of prehospital emergency medical care; transportation to the  
20 most appropriate receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being  
21 of the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia have continuously  
23 supported efforts to elevate the standards and training of first responders, emergency medical  
24 technicians, cardiac technicians, and paramedics and have been instrumental in increasing

1 the public's awareness of access to emergency services and what to do before the arrival of  
2 EMS; and

3 WHEREAS, one of America's best emergency medical services systems, under the direction  
4 of the Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Office of Emergency  
5 Medical Services, is celebrating its thirtieth year of existence in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Thursday, February 27, 2003, is Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day  
7 in Georgia, and it is fitting and proper that the first responders, emergency medical  
8 technicians, cardiac technicians, and paramedics of Georgia be recognized for their  
9 outstanding and courageous service to the people of this state.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that each and every first  
11 responder, emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, and paramedic in Georgia is  
12 commended for his or her outstanding service to the people of this state and that Emergency  
13 Medical Services Recognition Day is being observed in honor of these lifesaving  
14 professionals by inviting them to a day at the Capitol on Thursday, February 27, 2003.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
16 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Paul Genest, President of the Emergency  
17 Medical Services Director's Association of Georgia; Richard Roberts, President of the  
18 Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Technicians; and David Bean, Director of the  
19 Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Human Resources,  
20 Division of Public Health.