

House Resolution 1351

By: Representatives Harbin of the 80th, Fleming of the 79th, Watson of the 60th, Post 2, Buckner of the 109th, Smith of the 110th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, and
2 paramedics of Georgia and observing the seventh annual Emergency Medical Services
3 (EMS) 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, 6,700 emergency
8 medical technicians, 105 cardiac technicians, and 4,500 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, licensed automated
12 external defibrillator programs, air ambulance transport providers, and in excess of 250
13 licensed first responder, ambulance, and neonatal transport services; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia have continuously
22 supported efforts to elevate the standards and training of first responders, emergency medical
23 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 thirty-first year of existence in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Thursday, February 26, 2004, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 each and every first responder, emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, and
12 paramedic in Georgia is commended for his or her outstanding service to the people of this
13 state and that Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day is being observed in honor of
14 these lifesaving professionals by inviting them to a day at the Capitol on Thursday,
15 February 26, 2004.

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