

Senate Resolution 897

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Stoner of the 6th, Douglas of the 17th, Rogers of the 21st, Murphy of the 27th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 Thursday, February 21, 2008, as "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day"; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services (EMS) professionals of Georgia respond to
5 almost 1 million calls for assistance annually, risking their lives on a daily basis to go to the
6 aid of those in need; and

7 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 14,000 emergency medical services
8 personnel that provide the essential life-saving services associated with out-of-hospital
9 emergency medical care; and

10 WHEREAS, the goals and services of each of these individuals include illness and injury
11 prevention; trauma system development; public information and education; the prompt,
12 efficient, and effective delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical care; transportation to the
13 most appropriate receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being
14 of the citizens of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel provide access to quality pre-hospital
16 emergency care that dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of persons stricken
17 with sudden illness or injury; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services system is celebrating its thirty-fifth year
19 of service in 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, Thursday, February 21, 2008, is "Emergency Medical Services Recognition
21 Day" in Georgia, and it is fitting and proper that the emergency medical services
22 professionals of Georgia be recognized for their outstanding and courageous service.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia for their outstanding
3 service to this state and recognize Thursday, February 21, 2008, as "Emergency Medical
4 Services Recognition Day" at the state capitol.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman of the
7 Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Marty Billings, Director of the
8 Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma of the Department of Human
9 Resources, Division of Public Health.