

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Stoner of the 6th, Murphy of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, and
2 paramedics of Georgia and recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through a coordinated, state-wide network, the emergency medical services
5 professionals of Georgia respond to almost 1 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 14,000 emergency medical personnel
8 who provide the essential life-saving services associated with out-of-hospital emergency
9 medical care delivery; and

10 WHEREAS, access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival
11 and recovery rate of persons suddenly stricken with serious illness or injury; and

12 WHEREAS, their dedication and hard work, often at great personal sacrifice to themselves
13 and their families, give Georgians peace of mind in knowing that, should an emergency
14 medical need arise, well-trained and compassionate emergency medical professionals will
15 be available to render swift and effective assistance; and

16 WHEREAS, the goals of each and every one of these individuals and services include illness
17 and injury prevention; trauma system development; public information and education; the
18 prompt, efficient, and effective delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical care;
19 transportation to the most appropriate receiving facility; and other services related to the
20 health and well-being of the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia's outstanding emergency medical services system marks its thirty-sixth
22 anniversary in 2009, and it is only fitting and proper that these life-saving heroes be
23 appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends each
25 and every first responder, emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, and paramedic
26 in Georgia for his or her service to the people of this state and recognizes May 17 through
27 May 23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Georgia in honor of these
28 tremendous life-saving professionals.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman of the
31 Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Billy Watson, Acting Director of
32 the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma of the Department of Human
33 Resources, Division of Public Health.