

Senate Resolution 172

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 emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 Thursday, February 19, 2009, 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 one million calls for assistance annually, risking their lives on a daily basis to go to
6 the 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 lifesaving 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 prehospital 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 prehospital
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-sixth year
19 of service in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Thursday, February 19, 2009, 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.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia for their outstanding
25 service to this state and recognize Thursday, February 19, 2009, as "Emergency Medical
26 Services Recognition Day" at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger, president of the
29 Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Billy Watson, acting director of
30 the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Human Resources,
31 Division of Public Health.