

House Resolution 289

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Frazier of the 123rd, Talton of the 145th, Jackson of the 142nd, Collins of the 27th, 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 one million calls for assistance annually, risking
6 their lives on a daily basis to go to the aid of those most 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, 2009 marks the thirty-sixth anniversary of Georgia's outstanding emergency
22 medical services system and it is only fitting and proper that these life-saving heroes be
23 appropriately recognized.

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

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