

## Senate Resolution 307

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th and Adelman of the 42nd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., M.D.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., M.D., is considered by many as the father of emergency  
3 medical services in the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrell has been involved with the development, organization, oversight,  
5 and conduct of emergency medical services since shortly after beginning his practice in  
6 Athens in the early 1970's and well past his retirement in 1998; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he worked closely with the State Office of Emergency Medical Services, local  
8 ambulance service providers, and Athens Regional Medical Center to develop the first  
9 cardiac technician/paramedic course conducted in Northeast Georgia for emergency medical  
10 services; and
- 11 WHEREAS, since no textbook existed for the curriculum to be used in the course, Dr.  
12 Burrell chose to use the textbook, *Critical Care*, written by he and his wife, Dr. Lennette  
13 Burrell; and
- 14 WHEREAS, State Public Health Director Dr. Patrick J. Meehan appointed Dr. Burrell to  
15 serve on the first organized Georgia Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors  
16 Advisory Council as a subject matter expert on the history and evolution of emergency  
17 medical services; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Northeast Georgia Region 10 Emergency Medical Services Council, a group  
19 with which Dr. Burrell has served on or been affiliated with since its creation in 1977, chose  
20 to honor him by naming one of the most prestigious state-wide EMS awards the "Dr. Zeb L.  
21 Burrell, Jr. Distinguished Service Award of Excellence"; and

22 WHEREAS, in an interview a few years ago, Dr. Burrell cited his most satisfying  
23 professional activity was "participating for 30 years in the development of Emergency  
24 Medical Services in Georgia, now one of the best in the nation"; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrell has faithfully given of his time and himself in assisting with the  
26 development, progress, and continuation of this essential public service for over four  
27 decades.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., on his dedicated service to emergency medical services and  
30 recognize him as the father of Georgia's emergency medical services.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr.; Director of the  
33 DHR Office of Preparedness, Dr. J. Patrick O'Neal; Chairman of the Georgia Association of  
34 Emergency Medical Services and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
35 Council, Courtney Terwilliger; and Chair of the Georgia Emergency Medical Services  
36 Medical Directors Advisory Council, Dr. Jill Mabley.