

House Resolution 185

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th and Powell of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 Wednesday, February 16, 2011, as "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day"; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the heroic emergency medical services (EMS) professionals of Georgia respond
5 to almost one million calls for assistance annually, risking their lives on a daily basis to go
6 to 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 outstanding services provided by 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 significant activities related to the health and
14 well-being of the citizens of Georgia; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services system is celebrating its thirty-eighth
19 year of excellent service in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, Wednesday, February 16, 2011, is "Emergency Medical Services Recognition
21 Day" in Georgia, and it is most fitting and proper that the emergency medical services
22 professionals of Georgia be recognized for their dedicated and courageous service.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia
25 for their outstanding service to this state and recognize Wednesday, February 16, 2011, as
26 "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day" at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger,
29 Chairman of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Keith Wages,
30 Director of the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma of the
31 Department of Community Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response.