

House Resolution 253

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Taylor of the 173rd, Greene of the 151st, Atwood of the 179th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Wednesday, February 20, 2013 as "Emergency Medical Services Recognition
2 Day" at the state capitol and commending the emergency medical services professionals of
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services (EMS) system is celebrating its 39th year
5 of service; and

6 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia respond to almost
7 1 million calls for assistance annually, risking their lives on a daily basis to go to the aid of
8 those in need; and

9 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 16,000 emergency medical services
10 personnel that provide the essential lifesaving services associated with out-of-hospital
11 emergency medical care; and

12 WHEREAS, the goals and services of each of these individuals include illness and injury
13 prevention; trauma system development; public information and education; the prompt,
14 efficient, effective delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical care; transportation to the
15 most appropriate receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being
16 of the citizens of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, EMS personnel provide access to quality pre-hospital emergency care that
18 dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of persons stricken with sudden illness
19 or injury.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia
22 for their outstanding and courageous service to this state and recognize Wednesday, February
23 20, 2013, as "Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day" at the state capitol.

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