

## Senate Resolution 219

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and Staton of the 18th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing  
2 February 20, 2013, as Emergency Medical Services Day at the capitol; and for other  
3 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, there are over 16,000 EMS personnel who provide the essential lifesaving  
8 services associated with out-of-hospital emergency medical care in the State of Georgia; and

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

14 WHEREAS, EMS personnel provide access to quality pre-hospital emergency care that  
15 dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of persons stricken with sudden illness  
16 or injury; and

17 WHEREAS, this year marks the celebration of Georgia's EMS system's 40th year of service;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the EMS professionals of Georgia be  
20 recognized for their outstanding and courageous service.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia for their outstanding

23 service to the State of Georgia and recognize February 20, 2013, as Emergency Medical  
24 Services Day at the capitol.

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