

Senate Resolution 821

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 February 10, 2014, 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 41st 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 10, 2014, 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.