

House Resolution 495

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Rakestraw of the 19th, Gravley of the 67th, Powell of the 32nd, Rice of the 95th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 26, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day at the
2 state capitol and commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services (EMS) system is celebrating its 42nd
5 year of service; and

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

9 WHEREAS, in the state of Georgia, there are more than 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 February 26, 2015,
23 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services,
27 and Keith Wages, Director of the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services and
28 Trauma of the Department of Public Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and
29 Response.