

House Resolution 135

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Lumsden of the 12th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Parrish of the 158th, and Hawkins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing
2 February 6, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's emergency medical services system is celebrating its 44th year of
5 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 who 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 prehospital emergency medical care; transportation to the most
15 appropriate receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being of the
16 citizens of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel provide access to quality prehospital
18 emergency care that dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of persons stricken
19 with sudden illness 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 6, 2017, as
23 Emergency Medical Services 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 Paul
26 Beamon, Chairman of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, and Keith
27 Wages, Director of the Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma of the
28 Department of Public Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response.