Senate Resolution 717
By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps and commending it for its 2017 emergency disaster response efforts in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (MAG MRC) is the nation's first state-wide medical society and physician-led medical reserve corps that was approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Medical Association of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the MAG MRC is activated under the direction of the Georgia Department of Public Health and works in partnership with other county based medical reserve corps in the state; and

WHEREAS, the organization trains physicians and others to respond to declared emergencies in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the MAG MRC is capable of setting up mobile hospitals that can deliver medical care during declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the group augments the State Disaster Response Plan by supporting first responders and the local medical community during declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the MAG MRC can be called upon under extreme circumstances to perform some of the functions that would otherwise be performed by full-time emergency medical response personnel in the state; and

WHEREAS, the organization was prepared to respond to every major disaster that affected Georgia in 2017; and

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WHEREAS, the MAG MRC provided physicians, other health care professionals, and administrative personnel to respond to Hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Maria in 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body recognize the Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps and commend its 2017 emergency disaster response efforts in the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps.