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100th Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning September 18, 1988, as "Emergency Medical Services Week".

Sept. 8, 1988  
[H.J. Res. 539]

- Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams devote their lives to saving the lives of others;
- Whereas emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, and administrators;
- Whereas the people of the United States benefit daily from the knowledge and skill of these trained individuals;
- Whereas advances in emergency medical care increase the number of lives saved every year;
- Whereas the professional organizations of providers of emergency medical services promote research to improve emergency medical care;
- Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams work together to improve and adapt their skills as new methods of emergency treatment are developed;
- Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams encourage national standardization of training and testing of emergency medical personnel and reciprocal recognition of training and credentials by the States;
- Whereas the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will serve to educate the people of the United States about accident prevention and what to do when confronted with a medical emergency; and
- Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services teams by designating Emergency Medical Services Week: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning September 18, 1988, is designated as "Emergency Medical Services Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

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