

One Hundred Third Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

Joint Resolution

Designating the weeks beginning May 23, 1993, and May 15, 1994, as "Emergency Medical Services Week".

- Whereas emergency medical services is a vital public service;
- Whereas access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;
- Whereas efforts to establish emergency medicine as a medical specialty began 25 years ago with the founding of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 1968;
- Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
- Whereas emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others;
- Whereas approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers;
- Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;
- Whereas Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;
- Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and
- Whereas the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will serve to educate all Americans about injury prevention and how to respond to a medical emergency: Now, therefore, be it

H. J. Res. 78—2

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the weeks beginning May 23, 1993, and May 15, 1994, are 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 weeks with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*