

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas emergency medical services are a vital public service;

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 these emergency medical services teams served our country with bravery and heroism on September 11, 2001;

Whereas emergency medical personnel (emergency physicians, nurses, and emergency medical technicians) courageously defended the Nation when called upon to identify and treat anthrax, the bioterrorist weapon released in October 2001;

Whereas access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

Whereas providers of emergency medical services have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system;

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, undergo 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; and

Whereas injury prevention and the appropriate use of the emergency medical services system will help reduce health care costs and save lives: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2       *concurring)*, That Congress—

3               (1) designates the week beginning May 19,  
4       2002, as “National Emergency Medical Services  
5       Week”; and

6               (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
7       mation calling upon the people of the United States  
8       to observe such week with appropriate programs and  
9       activities.

Passed the Senate May 17, 2002.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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## **S. CON. RES. 112**

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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the designation of the week beginning May 19, 2002, as “National Emergency Medical Services Week”.