

## **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 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 emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others;

Whereas approximately two-thirds 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: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) the week of May 20, 2001, is designated as  
4       “National Emergency Medical Services Week”; and

5           (2) the President should issue a proclamation  
6       calling upon the people of the United States to ob-  
7       serve such week with appropriate programs and ac-  
8       tivities.

Passed the Senate May 22, 2001.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the designation of the week of May 20, 2001, as “National Emergency Medical Services Week”.