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S. CON. RES. 55

Declaring the annual memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 1928, Julian Stanley Wise founded the first volunteer rescue squad in Roanoke, Virginia, the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew, and Virginia has subsequently taken the lead in honoring the thousands of people nationwide who gave their time and energy to community rescue squads through the establishment of To The Rescue, a museum located in Roanoke devoted to emergency medical services (EMS) personnel;

Whereas to further recognize the selfless contributions of EMS personnel nationwide and as the first State in the Nation to establish a volunteer rescue squad, the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. and the Julian Stanley Wise Foundation, in conjunction with To The Rescue, in 1993 organized the First Annual National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service in Roanoke, Virginia, to honor EMS personnel from across the country who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas the National EMS Memorial Service has captured national attention by honoring 119 providers of emergency medical services from 35 States;

Whereas the singular devotion of EMS personnel to the safety and welfare of their fellow citizens is worthy of the highest praise;

Whereas the annual National EMS Memorial Service is a fitting reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of EMS personnel nationwide;

Whereas according to the Department of Health and Human Services, 170,000 Americans require emergency medical services on an average day, a number which projects to over 60,000,000 people annually; and

Whereas the life of every American will be affected, directly or indirectly, by the uniquely skilled and dedicated efforts of the EMS personnel who work bravely and tirelessly to preserve America's greatest resource-people: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress declares the memorial service
- 3 held in Roanoke, Virginia, and sponsored by the National

1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service
2 Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services
3 personnel who have died in the line of duty as the “Na-
4 tional Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”.

5 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

6 Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to place
7 the National EMS Memorial Service under Federal au-
8 thority or to require any expenditure of Federal funds.

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