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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 3, 2006

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2006, as "Emergency  
2 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; designating May 14,  
3 2006, as "Military EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania;  
4 designating May 15, 2006, as "Citizen Recognition and  
5 Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania; designating May 16, 2006,  
6 as "EMS for Children Day" in Pennsylvania; designating May  
7 18, 2006, as "EMS Services Day" in Pennsylvania; designating  
8 May 19, 2006, as "Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania; and  
9 designating May 20, 2006, as "EMS Personnel Day" in  
10 Pennsylvania.

11 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" brings together  
12 local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and  
13 to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day

1 lifesaving services of the medical front line; and

2 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services (EMS) system in this  
3 Commonwealth has been developed to provide vital emergency  
4 services and care to sick and injured persons and to provide  
5 transportation to an appropriate medical or health care  
6 facility; and

7 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth benefit daily from  
8 this system and from the commitment, dedication, knowledge,  
9 skill, specialized training and services of those providers who  
10 devote their lives to saving the lives of others and who perform  
11 extraordinary public services under stressful and even hazardous  
12 conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, Rapid access to quality and professional emergency  
14 medical services and care dramatically improves the probability  
15 of survival and recovery for persons who experience sudden  
16 illness or injury; and

17 WHEREAS, The EMS community consists of volunteer and paid  
18 providers, including physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency  
19 medical technicians, aeromedical personnel, first responders,  
20 ambulance attendants, ambulance drivers, police officers,  
21 firefighters and emergency services dispatchers; educators and  
22 administrators who support and assist providers; and the public;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In appreciation and recognition of the organized and  
25 coordinated efforts of the EMS system in this Commonwealth,  
26 professionals who directly provide services and those who  
27 support and assist services, the Commonwealth sets aside a week  
28 to commemorate, appreciate, recognize and support planned  
29 activities in this Commonwealth; and

30 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" further informs

1 the citizens of this Commonwealth of the availability,  
2 importance and capability of their EMS system, educates citizens  
3 about injury and illness prevention and what to do when  
4 confronted with a medical emergency and encourages citizens to  
5 learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), plan and practice  
6 home and highway safety and instruct all family members on the  
7 proper and appropriate use of the EMS system; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
9 value and the accomplishments of the EMS community by  
10 designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2006, as "Emergency  
11 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate Sunday,  
13 May 14, 2006, as "Military EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania to  
14 recognize the hardships, sacrifices and dangers endured by EMS  
15 providers while serving in the armed forces; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate Monday,  
17 May 15, 2006, as "Citizen Recognition and Appreciation Day" in  
18 Pennsylvania for the EMS community to acknowledge the citizens  
19 of the EMS system who participate in CPR, first aid and  
20 fundraising or who otherwise support the EMS system in this  
21 Commonwealth; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
23 Tuesday, May 16, 2006, as "EMS for Children Day" in Pennsylvania  
24 in order to highlight that the needs of children are different  
25 from the needs of adults in medical emergencies, to recognize  
26 the essential need for specialized emergency care for children  
27 and to honor the value and accomplishments of specialized  
28 providers; and be it further

29       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
30 Thursday, May 18, 2006, as "EMS Services Day" in Pennsylvania to

1 acknowledge and recognize the ambulance services, fire  
2 departments and police departments who provide and support  
3 emergency medical services in this Commonwealth; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate Friday,  
6 May 19, 2006, as "Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania to  
7 honor and remember civilian and military EMS providers who have  
8 made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the line of  
9 duty, with EMS organizations participating, where practical and  
10 reasonable, in one minute of radio silence at 7 p.m. eastern  
11 daylight time; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
13 Saturday, May 20, 2006, as "EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania  
14 for the purpose of appreciating, supporting and recognizing the  
15 professionals whose day-to-day lifesaving services ensure that  
16 the EMS system continues serving on health care's front line.