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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2013, as "Emergency
 2 Medical Services Week" and May 22, 2013, as "Emergency
 3 Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day," with the theme,
 4 "EMS: One Mission, One Team," in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services are a vital public
 6 service; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams are
 8 ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a
 9 day, seven days a week; and

10 WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically
 11 improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience
 12 sudden illness or injury; and

13 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system consists of
 14 emergency physicians, emergency nurses, rescue personnel,
 15 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, prehospital nurses,
 16 air medical personnel, emergency responders, first responders,
 17 ambulance attendants, emergency vehicle operators, firefighters,

1 police officers, educators, dispatchers, administrators and
2 others; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams,
4 whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of
5 specialized training and continuing education to enhance their
6 lifesaving skills; and

7 WHEREAS, The needs of children are different from the needs
8 of adults in medical emergencies; and

9 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services for Children Program
10 (EMSC) promotes the high-level emergency care given by emergency
11 medical services providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

12 WHEREAS, EMSC assists in the implementation of training for
13 use of advanced technical equipment and services in preparation
14 to save the life of a child; and

15 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services providers are unceasingly
16 prepared to respond to children who access the system and return
17 them to an optimum level of health; and

18 WHEREAS, EMSC works with physicians, nurses, social workers,
19 psychologists, rescue personnel, emergency medical technicians,
20 paramedics, prehospital nurses, air medical personnel, emergency
21 medical responders, emergency vehicle operators, firefighters,
22 police officers, educators, dispatchers, administrators and
23 others to identify and address the issues surrounding the
24 provision of optimal pediatric care; and

25 WHEREAS, EMSC assists in the development of training programs
26 and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children
27 with special health care needs receive timely and appropriate
28 care;

29 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the value and the
30 accomplishments of emergency medical services providers and EMSC

1 by designating "Emergency Medical Services Week" and "Emergency
2 Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day"; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 19
4 through 25, 2013, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and May
5 22, 2013, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
6 Day," with the theme, "EMS: One Mission, One Team," in
7 Pennsylvania and encourage the community to observe this week
8 with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.