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Whereas in 1928 Julian Stanley Wise founded the first volunteer rescue squad in United States, the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew, and Virginia has subsequently taken the lead in honoring the thousands of people nationwide who give 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, 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 at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, to honor EMS personnel from across the country who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas the annual 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 EMS personnel who work bravely and tirelessly to preserve America's greatest resource—people: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 **SECTION 1. OFFICIAL SITE OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERV-**
4 **ICE.**

5 The Congress declares the City of Roanoke, Virginia,
6 to be the official site of the National Emergency Medical
7 Services Memorial Service to honor emergency medical
8 services personnel who have died in the line of duty.

9 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

10 Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to place
11 the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Serv-
12 ice under Federal authority or to require any expenditure
13 of Federal funds.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.