

training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills. It is well known that access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. In fact, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system.

However, this healthcare safety net today is in crisis. On the front lines, emergency medical service providers are faced with crowded emergency departments and dwindling resources. These, and many other complex issues are threatening the ability of health professionals to deliver quality care.

A solution to the overcrowding of our nation's emergency departments requires a national commitment. This will mean allocating significant financial resources and convening Federal and State policymakers, local hospitals, community leaders and public and private health plan payers to develop workable solutions. We will also need adequate monitoring and data collection efforts to understand the scope of these problems and to uncover the best methods for resolving this crisis.

To continue to deliver quality healthcare in this country, we must not only recognize those individuals who have dedicated their careers to caring for the very sickest Americans, but also the undue stress and burden this system in crisis places on them each and every day. We must work toward resolving this crisis so we can continue to attract quality healthcare professionals to the EMS field and to give them the resources they need to continue to save lives.

It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating this May 20-26, Emergency Medical Services Week.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in supporting this resolution.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 650. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

SA 651. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 652. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 653. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 654. Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 655. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 656. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KYL, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 657. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 658. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 659. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 660. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 661. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 662. Mr. INOUYE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 664. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 665. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 668. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 669. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DAYTON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 670. Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SMITH, of Oregon, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 671. Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. BUNNING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 672. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 673. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 674. Mrs. CARNAHAN (for herself and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 675. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr.

ALLEN, Mr. SMITH, of Oregon, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. ENZI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 676. Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 677. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 678. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 679. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DAYTON, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 680. Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 681. Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 682. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 683. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 684. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 685. Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CHAFFEE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, and Mrs. CLINTON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 686. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mrs. LINCOLN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 687. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. DAYTON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 688. Mr. GRAHAM proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 650.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; ETC.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "Restoring Earnings To Lift Individuals and Empower Families (RELIEF) Act of 2001".

(b) **AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a