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May 30, 2014

The Honorable Stephen Lynch  
U. S. House of Representatives  
2133 Russell House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lynch:

On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and particularly the 23,000 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel AFSCME represents, I want to thank you for introducing H.R. 4690, a bill to Establish a National EMS Memorial.

As you stated when introducing the legislation, an EMS memorial is long overdue. These dedicated men and women are often our nation's first line of defense in public safety emergencies, and they put their lives on the line every day to provide critical care to their patients and the public. Too many have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while being that line of defense.

Thank you for working to ensure our first responders receive the recognition they deserve. As the fastest growing union for EMS workers, AFSCME is proud of the 23,000 EMS personnel we represent, and we look forward to working with you and your staff to move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

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Director of Federal Government Affairs

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**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO**

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## **Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 166**

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48—Relative to federal memorials.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 9, 2014.]

#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AJR 48, Rodriguez. Federal memorials: emergency medical services.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Emergency medical service providers stand on the country's first line of defense in the prevention and mitigation of harm from terrorist attacks, man-made incidents, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of emergency medical services serve in both the public and private sectors as career and volunteer emergency medical service providers, maintaining the domestic tranquility, safety, and security of the country; and

WHEREAS, Each year, 850,000 men and women of emergency medical services across the country answer more than 30 million calls to serve 22 million patients in need of pre-hospital care and comfort at a moment's notice and without reservation; and

WHEREAS, Statistics compiled by the United States Department of Labor and the National Highway Safety Administration indicate that emergency medical service providers die in the line of duty at a rate more than twice the national average for all occupational fatalities and seven times higher from violence than all other health care workers in service to the country; and

WHEREAS, The National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation, established in 2007, seeks to give these silent heroes a fitting memorial and their loved ones, coworkers, and counterparts a permanent place to remember those the country has lost; and

WHEREAS, Legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives on May 20, 2014, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial as a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California hereby memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish

the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial, honoring the commitment and ultimate sacrifice of emergency medical service providers; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



# AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Press Release

Contact: Anthony Marquardt  
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For Immediate Release 9am CST, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014

**Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Employee Association (ATCEMSEA)  
Supports H.R. 4690, a Bill to Establish a National EMS Memorial.**

Each year across our nation the 850,000 men and women of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) answer more than 30 million calls to serve 22 million patients at a moment's notice and without reservation.

As an element of the Emergency Services Sector, EMS stands on the nation's first line of defense in the prevention and mitigation of risk from terrorist attacks, man-made incidents, and natural disasters. These men and women, serving in both the public and private sectors as career and volunteer EMS providers, are a critical element of our nation's homeland and national security efforts.

Statistics compiled by the United States Department of Labor and the National Highway Safety Administration indicate that EMS providers die in the line of duty at a rate more than twice the national average for all occupational fatalities and seven times higher from violence than all other health care workers in service of the nation.

It is time to recognize the efforts of our EMS and memorialize the selfless and ultimate sacrifice made by more than 600 members of the nation's EMS, their families, and loved ones.

H.R. 4690, a Bill to Authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs is much appreciated and supported by our organization. Thanks to Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) for introducing this important bill. The ATCEMS Association supports this bill and encourages congressional leaders to co-sponsor and vote in favor of it.

<http://emsmemorialfoundation.org/>  
<https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4690>

Anthony Marquardt  
President ATCEMS Association

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# IAEMSC

International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs

June 5, 2014

The Honorable Stephen Lynch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2133 Russell House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lynch:

On behalf of the officers and members of the International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs (IAEMSC), I want to thank you for introducing H.R. 4690, a bill that will establish a National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial.

As you noted when introducing the legislation, an EMS memorial is long overdue. The dedicated men and women of EMS are often our nation's first line of defense in public health, public safety and medical emergencies, and they put their lives on the line every day to provide critical care to their patients and the public. Too many have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, as the motto of the National EMS Memorial Foundation states, so "That others might live."

The IAEMSC is a diverse professional organization committed to improving the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical care by focusing on the current and future leaders of EMS. Our organizational mission is to support, promote and advance the leadership of EMS response entities and to advocate for the EMS profession. It is through the growth of leadership in our profession that we will ensure the best delivery of pre-hospital care to our patients, and is how we will care for our brothers and sisters in EMS. The IAEMSC's membership is made up of leaders from both career and volunteer EMS organizations and proudly represents and embraces the diversity of EMS agencies throughout the world.

Thank you for working to ensure that those in EMS who lose their lives in the service of others are memorialized in a manner worthy of their sacrifices. They are more than deserving of this honor. The IAEMSC looks forward to working with you and your staff to move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

James Robinson, President  
International Association of EMS Chiefs

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