



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6007

Introduced by: **Representative Andera**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing emergency medical services personnel**
2 **and supporting efforts to acknowledge emergency medical service as an**
3 **essential public service.**

4 WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel play a critical role in public health and
5 safety by providing lifesaving care to and medical transportation for individuals experiencing
6 medical emergencies, often operating on the frontlines of healthcare; and

7 WHEREAS, timely access to emergency medical services significantly improves patient
8 outcomes and reduces preventable deaths, particularly in rural areas with limited healthcare
9 access; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the vital role of emergency medical services personnel, many
11 jurisdictions within this state lack stable funding or the necessary workforce to sustain
12 emergency medical services operations, relying instead on a dwindling volunteer labor force;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, while the importance of emergency medical services is widely recognized,
15 counties and municipalities are not required by law to maintain service within their
16 jurisdictions; and

17 WHEREAS, emergency medical services should be recognized as an essential public
18 service, reinforcing its fundamental role in healthcare and importance to the public interest;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One
20 Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
21 Legislature recognizes the vital, lifesaving care provided by emergency medical services
22 personnel, and supports efforts to prioritize emergency medical service as an essential public
23 service.