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Rep. Devin Nunes To Receive The 2018 NAEMT EMS Legislator of the Year Award

Clinton, Miss. — The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) will present Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA) with the 2018 NAEMT EMS Legislator of the Year Award on April 11 during EMS On The Hill Day, the largest national advocacy event for emergency medical services (EMS) professionals. This prestigious award recognizes a member of Congress who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to, and support of, high quality prehospital and emergency medical care, as well as the EMS professionals who dutifully serve our nation's patients.

Rep. Nunes said, “I’m grateful to NAEMT for this award. Emergency medical services may not get a lot of headlines, but they’re absolutely vital services for my district and all American communities. The passage of the five year extension of Medicare ambulance add-ons was a good first step in providing long-term relief to ambulance service providers and suppliers, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to further improve conditions for the provision of emergency medicine.”

Rep. Nunes introduced legislation in 2017 to preserve the Medicare ambulance extenders for another five years and set the EMS industry on a path toward cost reporting that will give EMS the data needed to demonstrate the true costs associated with out-of-hospital patient care and preparedness. The provisions of this legislation were passed early in February as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

“Everyone in EMS – from all delivery models – understands the importance of maintaining our Medicare ambulance extenders. The fact is... EMS could not survive without them,” noted NAEMT President Dennis Rowe. “We deeply appreciate Rep. Nunes’ leadership in securing our Medicare extenders for another five years. Throughout the entire process, Rep. Nunes demonstrated his steadfast commitment to do right for our industry, our patients, and our communities. It has truly been an honor to work with Rep. Nunes and his great staff on this legislative initiative, and we thank him for his outstanding leadership to our nation.”

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Formed in 1975 and more than 65,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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