

By: Corte

H.R. No. 102

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, More than 25,000 certified registered nurse
2 anesthetists (CRNAs) are practicing in the U.S. today, and the
3 members of this important medical field play a critical role in
4 ensuring quality health care to their fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Nurses were the first professional group to
6 specialize in and provide anesthesia services, and today they
7 continue to administer more than 65 percent of the 26 million
8 anesthetics given to patients each year in this country; moreover,
9 they remain the sole providers of anesthesia services for 85
10 percent of America's rural population; and

11 WHEREAS, Texans are well served by the approximately 1,400
12 CRNAs currently practicing in the state; many of these esteemed
13 health care professionals are graduates of one of the fine nurse
14 anesthesia training programs in Texas, such as The University of
15 Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Baylor College of Medicine,
16 Texas Wesleyan University, and the U.S. Army Graduate Program in
17 Anesthesia Nursing at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio; and

18 WHEREAS, The army has prepared top quality CRNAs for more
19 than 45 years, and nurse anesthetists have carried the major burden
20 of military anesthesia services during every armed conflict of the
21 20th century, as it was not until after World War II that sizable
22 numbers of physicians entered the field; training all active duty
23 army nurses, a number of air force nurses, and, as of 2004,
24 Department of Veterans Affairs nurses, the U.S. Army Graduate

1 Program in Anesthesia Nursing provides specialized training in
2 field anesthesia to ensure that graduates are qualified to deploy
3 in time of war, civil disorder, natural disaster, or humanitarian
4 missions; and

5 WHEREAS, The myriad contributions of the state's CRNAs are
6 most deserving of the admiration of their fellow Texans, and it is
7 most appropriate to take this opportunity to call attention to the
8 vital services that these nurses provide; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 23-29, 2005, as Nurse
11 Anesthetists Week and commend the certified registered nurse
12 anesthetists of Texas on their important work.