

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

WHEREAS, Anesthesiology is the practice of medicine dedicated to the relief of pain and total care of the surgical patient before, during, and after surgery; and

WHEREAS, Texas is well-served by the more than 2,000 physician members of the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists; organized in 1936 and incorporated in 1969, this voluntary, nonprofit association has taken as its mission the advancement, promotion, and support of the practice of the medical specialty of anesthesiology in the State of Texas; the organization is ably led by president David C. Powell, M.D., of Beaumont and president-elect James F. Arens, M.D., of Houston; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, today's anesthesiologists are required to complete four years of medical school and four additional years of anesthesiology residency; they apply their vast knowledge of medicine to fulfill their primary role in the operating room, which is not only to ensure the comfort of the patient during surgery, but also to make informed medical judgments to protect the patient; they are also responsible for diagnosing and treating any medical problems that might arise during surgery or the recovery period; and

WHEREAS, The role of anesthesiologists extends beyond the operating room; they work in intensive care units to help restore critically ill patients to stable conditions, manage the care of the mother and baby in childbirth, and specialize in pain management, diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, The myriad contributions of the state's anesthesiologists are most deserving of the admiration of their fellow Texans, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity to call attention to the vital services these dedicated doctors provide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize February 22, 2005, as Anesthesia Day at the State Capitol and commend the anesthesiologists of Texas on their important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate