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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists were the first professional
2 health care workers to provide anesthesia in the United States, and
3 they compose the oldest recognized group of advanced-practice
4 registered nurse specialists in this country; and

5 WHEREAS, These registered nurses have completed a rigorous,
6 graduate-level course of academic and clinical study in a
7 nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia; following
8 graduation, they are qualified to take the national certifying
9 examination; and

10 WHEREAS, All graduates of nurse anesthesia educational
11 programs receive a master's degree, and those who successfully pass
12 the certifying exam may use the title certified registered nurse
13 anesthetist (CRNA); and

14 WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Nurse
15 Anesthetists, the majority of rural hospitals rely on CRNAs to
16 provide anesthesia care; without these advanced-practice nurses,
17 numerous facilities would be unable to maintain trauma
18 stabilization, surgical, and obstetrical capabilities, a
19 circumstance that would force many rural Americans to travel long
20 distances to obtain such services; and

21 WHEREAS, Each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory
22 surgical centers, physicians' offices, and medical facilities of
23 the U.S. military, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Public
24 Health Service are the hands-on providers of approximately 32

1 million anesthetics given to patients in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, The delivery of health care in this country is
3 dependent, in large measure, on the work of certified registered
4 nurse anesthetists, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored
5 for the crucial role that they fulfill; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize January 23-29, 2011, as Nurse
8 Anesthetists Week in Texas and extend deep appreciation to all
9 certified registered nurse anesthetists for the great skill and
10 dedication they bring to their challenging vocation.