

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 are awarded the title of certified registered  
13 nurse 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, CRNAs are employed in a wide variety of settings,  
22 including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, physicians'  
23 offices, and medical facilities of the U.S. military, Department of  
24 Veterans Affairs, and Public Health Service; each year, the CRNAs

1 working in these facilities are the hands-on providers of  
2 approximately 34 million anesthetics given to patients in the  
3 United States; and

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

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize January 25-31, 2015, as Nurse  
10 Anesthetists Week in Texas and extend deep appreciation to all  
11 certified registered nurse anesthetists for the great skill and  
12 dedication they bring to their challenging vocation.

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Speaker of the House

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