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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 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.