

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in celebrating January 26 through 30, 2015, as Texas Nurse Anesthetists Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for 150 years and are members of the oldest nurse specialty group in the country; formal training for this important field began when a school of nurse anesthesia was established at Saint Vincent Hospital in Portland, Oregon, in 1909; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, nurse anesthetists practice in every state and administer anesthetics to millions of patients each year; these committed professionals work in a wide array of settings, from large academic hospitals to outpatient surgery centers to individual physicians' offices; and

**WHEREAS**, All certified registered nurse anesthetists in Texas are licensed by the state after graduating from an accredited educational program and passing a national examination; and

**WHEREAS**, Nurse anesthetists are the sole anesthesia providers in numerous rural Texas counties; our state is indebted to these health care professionals for the vital medical services they provide, and it is truly fitting that they receive special recognition for the crucial role they play in our health care system; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend nurse anesthetists for their commitment to quality care and extend to them best wishes for a productive and memorable Texas Nurse Anesthetists Week; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of these dedicated health care specialists.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 21, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate