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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
2 Week is being celebrated from January 22 through 28, 2017, in
3 recognition of the crucial work performed by practitioners of one
4 of the oldest nursing specializations; and

5 WHEREAS, Nurses first administered anesthesia to wounded
6 soldiers during the Civil War, and nurse-anesthetists have been the
7 main providers of anesthesia to U.S. military personnel on the
8 front lines since World War I; their care continues to be essential
9 to saving the lives of service personnel wounded in current
10 conflicts overseas; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, CRNAs safely administer approximately 43
12 million doses of anesthesia to patients each year; as the primary
13 source of anesthesia care in rural areas, they enable medical
14 facilities in underserved communities to maintain obstetric,
15 surgical, and trauma-stabilization capabilities; in some states,
16 CRNAs are the sole providers of anesthesia services in nearly 100
17 percent of rural hospitals; and

18 WHEREAS, These dedicated professionals practice in every
19 setting in which anesthesia is delivered, from traditional
20 hospitals to dental and podiatric offices and ambulatory surgical
21 centers, as well as military and Veterans Administration treatment
22 facilities; currently, more than 4,000 CRNAs are licensed to
23 practice in Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Nurse-anesthetists play a trusted and vital role in

1 our state's and nation's health care systems, providing for an
2 expanded scope of medical care in many parts of the country, and the
3 observance of National CRNA Week offers an opportunity to honor the
4 members of this profession for their steadfast commitment to their
5 calling; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize January 22-28, 2017, as National
8 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week and extend heartfelt
9 appreciation to the nurse-anesthetists of Texas for their crucial
10 contribution to health care in the Lone Star State.