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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The recognition of January 19-25, 2025, as National
2 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week is a fitting tribute
3 to the contributions of these vital medical professionals; and

4 WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are
5 advanced practice registered nurses who are qualified to make
6 independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care
7 based on their education, training, and licensure; providing
8 anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150
9 years, CRNAs were the first professional health care workers to
10 administer anesthesia, and through an act of Congress passed in
11 1986, they became the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct
12 reimbursement rights by Medicare; and

13 WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary anesthesia providers in rural
14 communities in Texas and continue to be the primary providers of
15 anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel; these medical
16 professionals' experience in critical care nursing also enables
17 them to address the unique health care challenges of some of the
18 sickest patients, including military veterans; and

19 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia
20 is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and
21 obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals, ambulatory
22 surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists,
23 ophthalmologists, pain management specialists, and more; they
24 deliver specialized, cost-effective care to all patients--from

1 newborns to seniors--for every type of procedure; and

2 WHEREAS, Texas is home to more than 4,400 CRNAs who have
3 devoted their careers to providing safe and compassionate care to
4 the citizens of the Lone Star State, and they are indeed deserving
5 of special commendation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize January 19-25, 2025, as National
8 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week and extend sincere
9 appreciation to all those who serve as certified registered nurse
10 anesthetists in Texas for the important role they play in providing
11 quality health care.