
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 535 Session of
2004

INTRODUCED BY VANCE, DAILEY, DeWEESE, O'BRIEN, ADOLPH, ALLEN, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARD, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BROWNE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, COY, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, DALLY, DENLINGER, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, GEIST, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOOD, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARRIS, HASAY, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, KELLER, KOTIK, LEDERER, LEH, LESCOVITZ, LEVDANSKY, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PICKETT, PISTELLA, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STERN, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YUDICHAK, ZUG, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, TANGRETTI AND WEBER, JANUARY 27, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 27, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 25 through 31, 2004, as
2 "National Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are
4 essential to the health care system in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,000 CRNAs have provided high-
6 quality, cost-effective anesthesia care in this Commonwealth for
7 more than 100 years; and

8 WHEREAS, CRNAs are advanced clinical nurses who have
9 successfully completed graduate coursework and a national
10 certifying examination; and

1 WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to participate in all arenas
2 where patients require the administration of anesthetic agents,
3 including obstetrical delivery rooms, surgical suites, trauma
4 stabilization bays and hospital procedure suites; and

5 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide care outside the traditional hospital
6 setting in offices of dentists, podiatrists and ophthalmologists
7 and for all types of specialty surgeons, ambulatory surgical
8 centers, military and public health services and Veterans'
9 Administration medical facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, CRNAs administer nearly 65% of the 26 million
11 anesthetics administered each year in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 11 nurse anesthesia
13 education programs, the greatest concentration of nurse
14 anesthesia programs in any state in our nation; and

15 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia area is home to four nurse
16 anesthesia education programs granting master's degrees in nurse
17 anesthesia; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January
19 25 through 31, 2004, as "National Nurse Anesthetists Week" in
20 Pennsylvania in appreciation of these outstanding health care
21 professionals and their contributions to the quality of patient
22 safety, comfort and satisfaction in this Commonwealth.