

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 20, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of January 23 through 29, 2011, as "Nurse
2 Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists were the first professional group
4 to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest
5 recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse
6 specialists; and

7 WHEREAS, These registered nurses have completed a graduate-
8 level educational program in a nationally accredited program of
9 nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the
10 national certifying examination; and

11 WHEREAS, Graduates who successfully pass the examination may
12 use the title Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and
13 in addition, all graduates of nurse anesthesia educational
14 programs receive a master's degree upon completion of the

1 rigorous academic and clinical curriculum; and

2 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in all settings in
3 which anesthesia is delivered and are not required by Federal or
4 State Law to be supervised or directed by physician
5 anesthesiologists; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Nurse
7 Anesthetists, more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals rely
8 on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced
9 practice nurses, some 1,500 facilities would be unable to
10 maintain trauma stabilization, surgical and obstetrical
11 capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long
12 distances for these services; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory
14 surgical centers, physician's offices and the medical facilities
15 of the United States military, Veterans Administration and
16 Public Health Service are the hands-on providers of
17 approximately 32 million anesthetics given to patients in the
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, The week of January 23 through 29, 2011, has been
20 designated as "Nurse Anesthetists Week" nationally; therefore be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe the week
23 of January 23 through 29, 2011, as "Nurse Anesthetists Week" in
24 Pennsylvania to recognize the importance of Certified Registered
25 Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing quality health
26 care for the public.