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

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

15 WHEREAS, The week of January 23 through 29, 2011, has been
16 designated as "Nurse Anesthetists Week" nationally; therefore be
17 it

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