

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 25 through 31, 2015, 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 can
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

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

11 WHEREAS, Each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory
12 surgical centers, physicians' offices and the medical facilities
13 of the United States military and the Department of Veterans'
14 Affairs, as well as other public health services are the hands-
15 on providers of approximately 32 million anesthetics given to
16 patients in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, The period of January 25 through 31, 2015, has been
18 designated as Nurse Anesthetists Week; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 week of January 25 through 31, 2015, as "Nurse Anesthetists
21 Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the importance of Certified
22 Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing
23 quality health care for the public.