**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS FOR THEIR ROLES IN CONTRIBUTING TO AND PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE PUBLIC.

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to South Carolina’s health care system, providing high‑ quality, cost‑effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years; and

Whereas, CRNAs safely administer approximately forty-nine million anesthetics to patients each year across America; and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America and across South Carolina, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services; and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; and medical facilities of the United States military, the United States Public Health Services, and the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil War and have been the main provider of anesthesia care to United States military personnel on the front lines since World War I, including all current United States military actions around the globe; and

Whereas, the purpose of this resolution is to raise public awareness of certified registered nurse anesthetists and student registered nurse anesthetists. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and thank certified registered nurse anesthetists for their roles in contributing to and providing quality health care for the public.

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