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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)  
3 are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the most  
4 trusted health care professionals, having provided  
5 high-quality anesthesia care to patients in the United States  
6 for more than 150 years; and

7           WHEREAS, There are more than 1,900 CRNAs in Illinois that  
8 safely administer approximately 1.9 million anesthetics to  
9 patients each year; and

10           WHEREAS, CRNAs are the predominant providers of anesthesia  
11 in 79% of Illinois counties, primarily in rural communities,  
12 and are the only providers of anesthesia in 29% of Illinois  
13 counties, enabling health care facilities in these medically  
14 underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma  
15 stabilization, and pain management services; and

16           WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which  
17 anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital  
18 surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory  
19 surgical centers, the offices of dentists, podiatrists,  
20 ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons, and the medical  
21 facilities of the U.S. military, the U.S. Public Health  
22 Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

1           WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, CRNAs were  
2 instrumental in helping emergency rooms and ICU centers treat  
3 patients, utilizing their expertise in airway management,  
4 intubation, and ventilator management to care for patients;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Research conducted by the Research Triangle  
7 Institute shows that is no difference in safety or patient  
8 outcomes between CRNAs and physician anesthesiologists; and

9           WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments  
10 regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their  
11 education, training, and record of safety; and

12           WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts on the front  
13 line, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all  
14 patients, from newborns to seniors, for every type of  
15 procedure and in all types of facilities; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we declare the week of January 22 through January 28, 2023 as  
19 CRNA Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of Certified

1 Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Student Registered  
2 Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) and their roles in providing  
3 high-quality care for the people of Illinois; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude and appreciation  
6 for the CRNA profession and encourage patients, hospital  
7 administrators, health care professionals, policymakers, and  
8 others to participate in National CRNA Week to become more  
9 familiar with the CRNA credential and the exceptional advanced  
10 practice registered nurses who have earned it; and be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
14 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.