

## House Resolution 96

By: Representative Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending nurse anesthetists and Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
2 programs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, nurse anesthetists have provided anesthesia care to patients in the United States  
4 for more than 150 years; and

5 WHEREAS, the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) credential came into  
6 existence in 1956; and

7 WHEREAS, founded in 1931, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is a  
8 professional association representing more than 50,000 CRNAs and student registered nurse  
9 anesthetists nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer approximately 43  
11 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling  
13 health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, pain  
14 management, and trauma stabilization services; and

15 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in all branches of the U.S. military, public health services, and  
16 Department of Veterans Affairs' health care facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, nurse anesthetists first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the Civil  
18 War and have been the main providers of anesthesia care to United States military personnel  
19 on the front lines since World War I; and

20 WHEREAS, there are currently 180 active duty nurse anesthetists assigned in all fixed  
21 medical facilities and deployed settings worldwide.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend nurse anesthetists and Georgia's Certified Registered  
24 Nurse Anesthetist programs.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 public and the press.