

Senate Resolution 491

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Harrell of the 40th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as early as 1916, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) were
4 providing anesthesia at Grady Hospital in Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1938, 17 CRNAs established the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists,
6 which has grown to represent more than 1,500 members and is among the oldest and largest
7 CRNA state organizations in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, CRNAs in Georgia practice in every setting where anesthesia services are
9 needed, such as hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, endoscopy suites, the offices of
10 doctors and dentists, and the VA Healthcare System; and

11 WHEREAS, CRNAs in Georgia are committed to caring for Georgia citizens by providing
12 vigilant, high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia services; and

13 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide many levels of anesthesia and perioperative care, including
14 sedation, IV sedation, general anesthesia, and pain management; and

15 WHEREAS, CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer more than 50
16 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States, and as advanced practice
17 registered nurses, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions; and

18 WHEREAS, CRNAs represent more than 80 percent of the anesthesia providers in rural
19 counties, and many rural hospitals often rely on independently practicing CRNAs for
20 anesthesia care; and

21 WHEREAS, half of all rural hospitals in the United States use a CRNA-only model for
22 obstetric care, and CRNAs safely deliver pain management care, particularly where there are
23 no physician providers available, saving patients long drives of 75 miles or more; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these outstanding medical professionals
25 be appropriately honored.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists for their
28 dedication to the health and well-being of the citizens of this state and extend best wishes for
29 continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
32 press.