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Recognizing the roles and the contributions of Americas Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their critical role in providing quality health care for the public and the Nation's Armed Forces for more than 150 years, through multiple public health emergencies, and beyond.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BACON, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TONKO, Ms. OMAR, and Ms. TOKUDA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the roles and the contributions of Americas Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their critical role in providing quality health care for the public and the Nation's Armed Forces for more than 150 years, through multiple public health emergencies, and beyond.

Whereas Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's health care system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia and pain management care;

Whereas nurse anesthetists were some of the first anesthesia providers ever and have been providing care for more than 150 years;

Whereas CRNAs safely administer more than 50,000,000 anesthetics to patients each year;

Whereas CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services for millions of underserved and at-risk people;

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

Whereas CRNAs have served on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator management to help the sickest COVID–19 patients, leaving the comfort of their homes and families to travel to hospitals and facilities across the country so they can assist where the need is greatest; and

Whereas the purpose of National CRNA Week, held January 23, 2023, through January 28, 2023, is to raise public awareness of and celebrate the Nation’s 59,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and student registered nurse anesthetists: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives thanks
- 2 and promotes the profession of Certified Registered Nurse
- 3 Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their incredible, selfless, and
- 4 dedicated service for over 150 years, by encouraging pa-

1 tients, hospital administrators, health care professionals,
2 policymakers, and others to utilize CRNAs to their full
3 potential and to recognize the work of CRNAs by partici-
4 pating in National CRNA Week.

