**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO THE PUBLIC.

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists are essential to South Carolina’s health care system and have provided high‑quality, cost‑effective anesthesia care for more than one hundred fifty years; and

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists safely administer approximately forty-nine million anesthetics to patients each year across America; and

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists 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, certified registered nurse anesthetists 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 United States Military and Public Health Services and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; 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 South Carolina Senate thanks and promotes the profession of certified registered nurse anesthetists by encouraging patients, hospital administrators, health care professionals, policymakers, and others to become more familiar with the certified registered nurse anesthetist credential and these exceptional advanced practice registered nurses. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize certified registered nurse anesthetists and their significant contributions to providing quality health care to the public.

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