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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs),
3 also known as nurse anesthesiologists or nurse anesthetists,
4 are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the
5 nation's most trusted professions, having provided anesthesia
6 care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years;
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WHEREAS, CRNAs became the first nursing specialty to be
9 accorded direct reimbursement rights by Medicare due to
10 legislation passed in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, CRNAs are the primary anesthesia providers in
12 rural and underserved communities and continue to be the
13 primary providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military
14 personnel; and

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WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which
16 anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital
17 surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access
18 hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of
19 dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and pain management
20 specialists; and

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WHEREAS, CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments

1 regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their
2 education, training, board certification, and licensure; and

3 WHEREAS, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for
4 patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized,
5 cost-effective care to all patients, from newborns to seniors,
6 for every type of procedure in all types of facilities; and

7 WHEREAS, CRNAs' experience in critical care nursing, in
8 addition to anesthesia care, provides the training and
9 education to address unique healthcare challenges of some of
10 our sickest patients, including veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, National CRNA Week will be held from January 19
12 through January 25, 2025; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
15 January 19 through January 25, 2025 as CRNA Week in the State
16 of Illinois to recognize the importance of Certified
17 Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their role in
18 providing high-quality care to the people of Illinois.