

## Senate Resolution 98

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th, Watson of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th, Albers of the 56th 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 over 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.