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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 14, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 20 through 26, 2019, as "Nurse  
2 Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists were the first professional group  
4 to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest  
5 recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse  
6 specialists; and

7 WHEREAS, These registered nurses have completed a graduate-  
8 level educational program in a nationally accredited program of  
9 nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the  
10 national certifying examination; and

11 WHEREAS, Graduates who successfully pass the examination can  
12 use the title Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and,  
13 in addition, all graduates of nurse anesthesia educational  
14 programs receive a master's degree upon completion of the  
15 rigorous academic and clinical curriculum; and

16 WHEREAS, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in all settings in

1 which anesthesia is delivered; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Nurse  
3 Anesthetists, more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals rely  
4 on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced  
5 practice nurses, approximately 1,500 facilities would be unable  
6 to maintain trauma stabilization and surgical and obstetrical  
7 capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long  
8 distances for these services; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory  
10 surgical centers, physicians' offices and the medical facilities  
11 of the United States military and the Department of Veterans  
12 Affairs, as well as other public health services are the hands-  
13 on providers of approximately 45 million anesthetics given to  
14 patients in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The period of January 20 through 26, 2019, has been  
16 designated as "Nurse Anesthetists Week"; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
18 week of January 20 through 26, 2019, as "Nurse Anesthetists  
19 Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the importance of Certified  
20 Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing  
21 quality health care for the public.