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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists, also known as "CRNAs", are advanced practice registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are among the nation's most trusted professions as they have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than one hundred fifty (150) years; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the United States Congress enacted legislation that made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to have direct reimbursement rights under Medicare; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are primary anesthesia providers in rural Arkansas and continue to be the primary providers of anesthesia care to United States military personnel worldwide; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists practice in every



setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, pain management specialists, and more healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are proven qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, licensure, and certification; and

WHEREAS, nationally, the period of January 24-30, 2021, has been designated as "National CRNA Week",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the week of January 24-30, 2021, shall be known as "National CRNA Week" in Arkansas to recognize the importance of certified registered nurse anesthetists and their role in providing high-quality care for all Arkansans.