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Recognizing the roles and the contributions of America's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their role in providing quality healthcare for the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the roles and the contributions of America's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their role in providing quality healthcare for the public.

Whereas Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are essential to America's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years;

Whereas CRNAs safely administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year;

Whereas CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services;

Whereas CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; United States Military and Public Health Services and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities;

Whereas nurse anesthetists first provided anesthesia to wounded soldiers during the American 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 purpose of National CRNA Week, held January 21, 2018, through January 27, 2018, is to raise public awareness of and celebrate the Nation's 52,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and student registered nurse anesthetists: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives thanks
 2 and promotes the profession of Certified Registered Nurse
 3 Anesthetists (CRNAs) by encouraging patients, hospital
 4 administrators, healthcare professionals, policymakers,
 5 and others to become more familiar with the CRNA cre-
 6 dential and the exceptional advanced practice registered
 7 nurses who have earned it by participating in National
 8 CRNA Week.

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