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# H. RES. 65

Recognizing the roles and the contributions of America’s certified registered nurse anesthetists and their critical role in providing quality health care for the public, especially during the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the roles and the contributions of America’s certified registered nurse anesthetists and their critical role in providing quality health care for the public, especially during the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic.

Whereas certified registered nurse anesthetists are essential to America’s health care system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 150 years;

Whereas certified registered nurse anesthetists safely administer approximately 49 million anesthetics to patients each year;

Whereas certified registered nurse anesthetists are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved

areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management services;

Whereas certified registered nurse anesthetists practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including—

(1) traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms;

(2) the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons;

(3) ambulatory surgical centers; and

(4) the United States Military and Public Health Services and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities;

Whereas certified registered nurse anesthetists are serving on the front lines of the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic, using their advanced skills in airway management, intubation, and ventilator management to help the sickest COVID–19 patients, leaving the comfort of their homes and families to travel to hospitals and facilities across the country so they can assist where the need is greatest; and

Whereas the purpose of National CRNA Week, held January 24, 2021, through January 30, 2021, is to raise public awareness of and celebrate the Nation’s 57,000 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 and their incredible, selfless, and dedicated  
4 service during this COVID–19 pandemic, by encouraging  
5 patients, hospital administrators, health care profes-  
6 sionals, policymakers, and others to utilize certified reg-

- 1 istered nurse anesthetists to their full potential and to rec-
- 2 ognize the work of certified registered nurse anesthetists
- 3 by participating in National CRNA Week.

