

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

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A RESOLUTION to honor Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists during "National Nurse Anesthetist Week," January 19-25, 2014 in Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are essential to Tennessee's health care system, having provided high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than one hundred years, and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are anesthesia specialists who administered thirty-four million anesthetics last year; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are the sole anesthesia providers in forty-one of Tennessee's ninety-five counties, providing patients with obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; and United States military, public health services, and veterans administration health care facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists during "National Nurse Anesthetists Week," January 15-25, 2014, and recognize them as outstanding health

care professionals and that they be thanked for their dedication, contributions, and commitment to improving the quality of care in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.