

Senate Resolution 716

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist programs and recognizing
2 January 22-28, 2012, as National Nurse Anesthetist Week at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia currently has two nationally accredited graduate-level
5 nurse anesthesia programs that educate Registered Nurses (RNs) previously trained in critical
6 care, and the Georgia Health Science University Nurse Anesthesia Program and the Medical
7 Center of Central Georgia Nurse Anesthesia Program meet the rigorous standards of
8 academic and clinical excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, upon graduation from one of Georgia's two prestigious nurse anesthesia
10 programs, nurse anesthetists receive a master's degree and are qualified to take the national
11 certifying examination; and

12 WHEREAS, upon passing the national certifying examination, nurse anesthetists are
13 qualified to practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and are recognized
14 as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses by the Georgia Board of Nursing; and

15 WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered in the State
16 of Georgia and serve as the only anesthesia provider in 56 percent of rural hospitals in
17 Georgia, providing vigilant, high-quality, cost-effective, and safe anesthesia care; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, more than
19 two-thirds of all rural hospitals rely on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these
20 CRNAs, many facilities would be unable to maintain trauma stabilization, surgical, and
21 obstetrical capabilities, thus forcing many rural Americans to travel long distances for such
22 services.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend the students and faculty of the Georgia Health Sciences University
25 Nurse Anesthesia Program and the Medical Center of Central Georgia Nurse Anesthesia
26 Program and recognize January 22-28, 2012, as National Nurse Anesthetist Week at the state
27 capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Health Sciences University
30 Nurse Anesthesia Program and the Medical Center of Central Georgia Nurse Anesthesia
31 Program.