

Senate Resolution 650

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, certified anesthesiologist assistants work in the physician-led Anesthesia Care
3 Team to deliver high level perioperative care to patients; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are more than 900 certified anesthesiologist assistants currently licensed
5 and practicing in Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants advocates for the highest
7 level of anesthesia and perioperative care for Georgia patients; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the anesthesiologist assistant profession was established by Emory University
9 professors in 1969; and
- 10 WHEREAS, two of the nation's 12 anesthesiologist assistant training programs are located
11 in Georgia, at Emory University in Atlanta and South University in Savannah; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Anesthesia Care Team model provides health care consumers high quality,
13 safe, and cost effective anesthesia and perioperative services; and
- 14 WHEREAS, more surgical procedures can be performed throughout the state when the
15 Anesthesia Care Team model is utilized with physician anesthesiologists supervising up to
16 four certified anesthesiologist assistants or certified registered nurse anesthetists; and
- 17 WHEREAS, certified anesthesiologist assistants provide many levels of anesthesia and
18 perioperative care, including general, neuraxial, sedation, and pain management; and

19 WHEREAS, certified anesthesiologist assistants work anywhere anesthesia services are
20 needed, including large hospitals, small town hospitals, endoscopy suites, ambulatory
21 surgical centers, and MRI suites.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants for its dedication to the health
24 and well-being of the citizens of the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
27 Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants.