

Senate Resolution 586

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Orrock of the 36th and Cowser of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2020, as the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, certified anesthesiologist assistants work in the physician-led Anesthesia Care
4 Team to deliver high quality anesthesia and perioperative care to patients throughout
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, there are more than 900 certified anesthesiologist assistants currently licensed
7 and practicing in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants advocates for the highest
9 quality of anesthesia and perioperative care for Georgia patients; and

10 WHEREAS, the nation's first anesthesiologist assistant training program was established at
11 the master's degree level by Emory University professors in 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, two of the nation's 12 anesthesiologist assistant training programs are located
13 in Georgia, at Emory University in Atlanta and South University in Savannah; and

14 WHEREAS, the Anesthesia Care Team model provides health care consumers high quality,
15 safe, and cost-effective anesthesia and perioperative services; and

16 WHEREAS, more surgical procedures can be performed throughout the state when the
17 Anesthesia Care Team model is utilized with physician anesthesiologists supervising up to
18 four certified anesthesiologist assistants or certified registered nurse anesthetists; and

19 WHEREAS, certified anesthesiologist assistants provide many levels of anesthesia and
20 perioperative care, including general, neuraxial, sedation, and pain management; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize January 28, 2020, as the Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants Day at
26 the state capitol and its dedication to the health and well-being of the citizens of the State of
27 Georgia.

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