

Senate Resolution 268

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Anesthesiology Assistants of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, anesthesia assistants work in the physician-led Anesthesia Care Team to deliver
3 high level anesthesia care to patients; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in Georgia, one anesthesiologist can medically direct up to four certified
5 registered nurse anesthetists and/or anesthesia assistants at a time; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this is a cost-effective mode of anesthesia delivery and in clinical studies has
7 been shown to be the safest mode of providing anesthesia care to patients; and
- 8 WHEREAS, there are approximately 900 anesthesia assistants currently licensed in Georgia,
9 with ten anesthesia programs across the county, including two in this state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, anesthesia assistants work anywhere anesthesia services are needed, including
11 large hospitals, such as Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, small town hospitals,
12 endoscopy suites, and MRI suites; and
- 13 WHEREAS, they provide many levels of anesthesia care, including general, neuraxial,
14 sedation, and pain management; and
- 15 WHEREAS, there are currently two universities in the State of Georgia where anesthesia
16 assistants are trained, Emory University School of Medicine and South University in
17 Savannah; and
- 18 WHEREAS, anesthesia assistants provide quality proven anesthesia while helping to keep
19 medical services affordable and efficient.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize the Anesthesiology Assistants of Georgia for their dedication to the health and
22 well-being of the citizens of the State of Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distriubtion to the Anesthesiology
25 Assistants of Georgia.