No. R-204. House concurrent resolution recognizing the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system.

(H.C.R.169)

Offered by Representative Goldman of Rockingham

Whereas, nurses have provided anesthesia to patients for over 150 years, and

Whereas, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), also known as nurse anesthetists, were originally designated in 1956, and they are advanced practice registered nurses who are among the nation's most trusted health care professionals, and

Whereas, nationally, nearly 74,000 CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; and at the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and pain management specialists, and

Whereas, in Pub. L. 99-509 § 9320, Congress extended Medicare coverage to CRNA services, and

Whereas, CRNAs are primary anesthesia providers in rural and underserved communities and for U.S. military personnel, and

Whereas, based on their formal education, field training, board certification, and State licensure, these health care professionals are qualified to make independent judgements regarding a broad scope of anesthesia care, and

Whereas, CRNAs are trusted anesthesia experts, caring for patients safely and compassionately, delivering specialized, cost-effective care to all patients—from newborns to seniors—for every type of procedure in all kinds of facilities, and

Whereas, in addition to anesthesia care, CRNAs are qualified to address the unique health care challenges of some of our sickest patients, including veterans, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the unique role of certified registered nurse anesthetists in the Vermont health care system, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.