To: Rules

By: Representative Mims

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING THE 2 SERVICE OF PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WHO HAVE DEVELOPED 3 TECHNIQUES AND PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED THE SAFETY OF ANESTHESIA AND THE WELL-BEING OF SURGICAL PATIENTS EACH DAY AND TO 5 ACKNOWLEDGE THE OBSERVANCE OF "NATIONAL PHYSICIAN 6 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2016, 7 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2016. WHEREAS, "National Physician Anesthesiologists Week" is an 9 annual celebration of patient safety and the many lives that 10 physician anesthesiologists save when seconds count; and 11 WHEREAS, more than an awe-inducing 100 million operations and 12 procedures are performed every year that necessitate anesthesia, 13 and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in all components of procedures, through preparation, the duration of the 14 procedure and post-operation care, making patient safety their top 15 16 priority; and WHEREAS, through major technological innovation, anesthesia 17 is safer than ever before, but there is always potential for 18 complications and side effects, and physician anesthesiologists 19

are constantly perfecting residency training and have a

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- 21 continually evolving expertise to help minimize risks, monitor for
- 22 any problems and take quick and decisive action when necessary;
- 23 and
- 24 WHEREAS, emergency situations and complications occur
- 25 unexpectedly, but physician anesthesiologists can draw on their
- 26 extensive medical education and years of clinical training and
- 27 experience so that it is not merely bravery that allows them to
- 28 make critical decisions that save lives, it is confidence in a
- 29 system of preparation that is comparable to none in terms of
- 30 efficacy; and
- 31 WHEREAS, although physician anesthesiologists require an
- 32 incredible amount of education, such that all have the spirit of
- 33 scholars, their academic demeanor never interferes with their
- 34 lives' calling, to serve patients above all else; and
- 35 WHEREAS, these medical professionals are committed to high
- 36 quality and safe patient care, and they always remember to educate
- 37 patients to make their anesthesia even safer, reduce risk of
- 38 complications and recover from surgery, knowing that an educated
- 39 patient will always be a healthier patient; and
- 40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
- 41 and acknowledge matters of significance such as physician-led
- 42 anesthesia care so that Mississippians are protected and ensured
- 43 high-quality, safe medical care:
- 44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

- 46 THEREIN, That we do hereby acknowledge that January 31, 2016,
- 47 through February 6, 2016, for observance of National Physician
- 48 Anesthesiologists Week and recognize the service of physician
- 49 anesthesiologists who have developed the techniques and protocols
- 50 that have greatly improved the safety of anesthesia and the
- 51 well-being of surgical patients every day.
- 52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 53 furnished to the Mississippi Society of Anesthesiologists and to
- 54 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.