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**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS DISCUSS IMPACT OF CRNAs ON
AMARILLO, TEXAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WITH REP. FOUR PRICE
*REPRESENTATIVE'S VISIT CAPS OFF ANNUAL "CRNA WEEK" OBSERVANCE***

AMARILLO, TX—Leaders from the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TxANA) discussed the impact of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) on Amarillo and the state's healthcare system with Rep. Four Price, during a visit to Northwest Texas Hospital today.

Rep. Price toured Northwest Texas Hospital's labor and delivery unit and took time to meet with patients, hospital administration, OBGYN physicians and nursing staff.

"In rural communities across the Panhandle and other parts of our state, CRNAs and the men and women at Northwest Texas Hospital are working hard to ensure patient access to high-quality care wherever they may live. We were pleased to have the opportunity to welcome Rep. Price today during our CRNA Week activities," said Gregory Collins, MSNA, CRNA and TxANA Board Member.

CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural communities, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, pain management and trauma stabilization services. Additionally, TxANA noted that healthcare plans recognize CRNAs for providing high-quality anesthesia care with reduced expense to patients and insurance companies. The cost-efficiency of CRNAs helps control escalating healthcare costs.

"The role of the CRNA is vital to healthcare in Texas," said Collins. "Our annual CRNA Week gives us an opportunity to share the important work of CRNAs with patients and the role we play in delivering high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services. We appreciate Rep. Price's visit to Northwest Texas Hospital and for his continuing leadership on strengthening the healthcare system in our community and state."

CRNAs are highly educated anesthesia professionals who provide the full range of anesthesia and pain management services with a high degree of autonomy and professional respect.

More than 4,000 CRNAs reside in the state of Texas. TxANA is the non-profit, statewide association for CRNAs with a focus on advancing the profession of nurse anesthesia, enhancing the art and science of anesthesiology, and facilitating the provision of accessible, affordable, high quality health care. TxANA membership includes over 3,400 CRNAs and SRNAs. To learn more visit www.txana.org.

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