Honoring the life-saving work of a doctor

National Doctors’ Day commemorates the date that Crawford W. Long, MD, first administered ether as a surgical anesthetic. First observed in 1933 by Eudora Brown Almond to express appreciation for the lifesaving work of doctors everywhere, March 30 was formally designated National Doctors’ Day in 1990 by legislation in the House and Senate and then signed by President George Bush.