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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
2 (ASHRM) has designated June 21-25, 2004, as National Healthcare
3 Risk Management Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Centering on the theme "Quest: Safe and Trusted
5 Healthcare," the 2004 observance is designed to celebrate the ways
6 in which risk managers strive to promote safe and effective
7 patient-care practices, the preservation of financial resources,
8 and the maintenance of safe working environments; and

9 WHEREAS, Established in 1980 and operating under the aegis of
10 the American Hospital Association, ASHRM is made up of more than
11 4,400 individual members who represent health care, insurance, law,
12 and related professions; through a variety of effective and
13 innovative strategies and programs, ASHRM supports these
14 professionals and contributes to advances in this critical area of
15 health care management; and

16 WHEREAS, The society's next annual conference, which is being
17 held October 17-20, 2004, in Orlando, Florida, will bring together
18 more than 1,800 professionals for a number of educational programs
19 and an industry exhibition; throughout the year, the society
20 sponsors a variety of audio conferences, one of which is scheduled
21 for June 23, 2004, during National Healthcare Risk Management Week;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Other special ASHRM programs in 2004 include the
24 presentation of modules for the Barton Certificate in Healthcare

1 Risk Management and a preparatory session for the Certified
2 Professional in Healthcare Risk Management examination; and

3 WHEREAS, In order to keep its members abreast of essential
4 knowledge and skills, the society monitors a range of issues and
5 developments that affect the risk management profession; receiving
6 particular attention are developments in health care delivery
7 systems, regulations, and technology; and

8 WHEREAS, ASHRM promotes communication among its members and
9 the dissemination of vital information through its *Forum* newsletter
10 and its *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management*; the society's
11 publication program also produces a tool kit series, a practical
12 tips series, and the respected *Risk Management Handbook for Health
13 Care Organizations*; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition, the society sponsors special-interest
15 Internet discussion groups centering on such topics as rural health
16 care, patient safety, risk financing, compliance, and workers'
17 compensation/safety and security; and

18 WHEREAS, ASHRM honors and encourages professional
19 development through its designation of society fellows and
20 distinguished fellows, titles that acknowledge successively higher
21 levels of educational attainment, experience, and professional
22 leadership; the society also confers annual chapter recognition
23 awards; and

24 WHEREAS, For nearly a quarter of a century, the staff and
25 members of ASHRM have made exceptional contributions to improving
26 the safety of our health care system; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize June 21-25, 2004,
2 as National Healthcare Risk Management Week and encourage all
3 Texans to join in expressing appreciation to this nation's health
4 care risk managers.