

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine estimated in its report *To*
2 *Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System* that more American
3 lives are lost each year from preventable medical errors than those
4 lost to breast cancer, AIDS, or motor vehicle accidents; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly one-fifth of these preventable errors occur
6 because health care providers cannot get immediate access to the
7 health information they need, and this lack of access causes many
8 individuals to undergo unnecessary diagnostic tests and procedures
9 that increase their health care costs; and

10 WHEREAS, Health information technology can be used to improve
11 the quality, safety, and efficiency of the health care system for
12 all Texans as well as to reduce costs; recognizing these important
13 benefits, state policy makers have sought to increase awareness and
14 promote adoption of health information technology by creating the
15 Texas Health Information Technology Advisory Committee, the Texas
16 Health Care System Integrity Partnership, the State Health
17 Information Architecture, and, more recently, the Texas Health
18 Services Authority; and

19 WHEREAS, On January 27, 2009, the Austin, Dallas Fort Worth,
20 and South Central Texas chapters of the Healthcare Information and
21 Management Systems Society together with the College of Healthcare
22 Information Management Executives are cosponsoring the Texas
23 Healthcare Information Technology Forum; with a mission to improve
24 public awareness through education, the forum provides an

1 opportunity for citizens and organizations to discuss and promote
2 the importance of health care information for all; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby designate January 27, 2009, as Texas Healthcare Information
6 Technology Day, commend participants at the Texas Healthcare
7 Information Technology Forum for attempting to raise awareness
8 through education, and honor those individuals responsible for
9 furthering the adoption of health information technology
10 throughout the state.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was adopted by the House on January 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 20 was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor