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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.