

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas recognizes that its success in the coming
2 decades relies on the health and welfare of its citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas also recognizes that our great nation and its
4 citizens, including hardworking Texans, are devoting
5 ever-increasing amounts of their budgets to meeting the rising
6 costs for healthcare; and

7 WHEREAS, A portion of our healthcare costs comes from
8 preventable medical errors that occur because healthcare providers
9 cannot get immediate access to the health information they need,
10 and this lack of access further causes many Americans, including
11 Texans, to undergo unnecessary diagnostic tests and procedures that
12 further increase their healthcare costs; and

13 WHEREAS, Greater adoption and utilization of healthcare
14 information technology can improve the quality, safety, and
15 efficiency of healthcare for all Texans, while also reducing their
16 costs; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas policy makers have recognized the importance
18 of healthcare information technology for all Texans through their
19 formation of the Texas Health Services Authority to increase
20 awareness of and support for the greater adoption of healthcare
21 information technology, the creation of a statewide health
22 information exchange, the promotion of policies and practices that
23 support the private, safe, and secure exchange of health
24 information to benefit Texas citizens, and the promotion of

1 collaborative partnerships among nonprofit entities and all
2 professionals to foster healthcare information technology
3 adoption, and through the creation of Texas Regional Extension
4 Centers to assist healthcare providers across Texas to adopt
5 electronic health records; and

6 WHEREAS, On January 26, 2011, the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth,
7 San Antonio, and South Central Texas chapters of the Healthcare
8 Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the College of
9 Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME), the American
10 Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), and the Texas
11 Health Institute are joining the Texas Healthcare Information
12 Technology Forum; designed to improve public awareness through
13 education, the forum provides an opportunity for citizens,
14 organizations, and policy makers to discuss and promote the
15 importance of healthcare information to all; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize January 26, 2011, as Texas Healthcare
18 Information Technology Day, commend participants at the Texas
19 Healthcare Information Technology Forum for attempting to raise
20 awareness through education, and honor those individuals
21 responsible for furthering the adoption of healthcare information
22 technology throughout the state.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 202 was adopted by the House on
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