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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.