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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 27, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 12, 2008, as "Pennsylvania Health Care  
2 Information Technology Day."

3 WHEREAS, Health care costs represent 16% of gross domestic  
4 product nationally; and

5 WHEREAS, Seventy percent of health care transactions are  
6 paper-based; and

7 WHEREAS, The health care industry invests only 2% to 3% of  
8 revenue on information technology and management systems, versus  
9 10% to 15% of other data-intensive industries, such as banking;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Recent studies have demonstrated that widespread  
12 adoption and effective use of health care technology, such as  
13 electronic medical records systems and other information

1 management systems, can save the United States health care  
2 system \$162 billion annually; and

3 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine reports there are at least  
4 1.5 million preventable adverse drug events per year, each  
5 adding more than \$8,700 to the cost of a hospital stay; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States spends more than \$1.9 trillion on  
7 health care a year, yet one-half of that spending is  
8 unnecessary, spent on clinical and administrative waste, theft  
9 and excess cost; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Hospital Association reports that this  
11 Commonwealth's hospitals and health systems are outpacing  
12 hospitals nationally in their adoption and use of clinical  
13 information technology and information management systems; and

14 WHEREAS, Health care providers in this Commonwealth report an  
15 improved ability to recruit physicians coming out of medical  
16 school when advanced information technology is employed at their  
17 sites; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite leadership in this area, only 17% of  
19 hospitals in this Commonwealth report that most of their medical  
20 practitioners routinely use information technology for clinical  
21 interventions, such as ordering medications; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 12,  
23 2008, as "Pennsylvania Health Care Information Technology Day";  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
26 importance of raising awareness of health care information  
27 technology and the vital role it will play in helping to save  
28 lives and reduce the cost of health care for all Pennsylvanians;  
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives welcome friends,

1 supporters and members of the Healthcare Information and  
2 Management Systems Society on their visit to Harrisburg and the  
3 State Capitol to promote better health care in this Commonwealth  
4 through broader adoption of advanced health care information  
5 technology and management systems on this Pennsylvania Health  
6 Care Information Technology Day.