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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 1, 2018, as "Health Care Information Technology
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
4 Services, in 2016 United States health care spending increased
5 4.3% to reach \$3.3 trillion or \$10,348 per person; and

6 WHEREAS, The overall share of gross domestic product related
7 to health care spending was 17.9% in 2016, up from 17.7% in
8 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, Health care spending has risen more than 40% in the
10 last decade; and

11 WHEREAS, Only 5% of health care industry revenues are
12 invested in information technology and management systems,
13 versus a 10.5% revenue investment from other data-intensive
14 industries such as banking; and

15 WHEREAS, A recent study conducted by the Commonwealth Fund
16 has demonstrated that the use of automated clinical decision

1 support systems can result in a net reduction of \$538 per
2 patient per hospital stay; and

3 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine reports that there are at
4 least 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 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7 reports that between 2011 and 2015 50,607 providers and
8 facilities in this Commonwealth received \$1.4 billion in Federal
9 incentive payments to implement electronic health care records;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ninety-seven percent of eligible hospitals and
12 fifty-six percent of ambulatory health care providers in this
13 Commonwealth adopted, upgraded or demonstrated meaningful use of
14 an electronic health care record system in 2015; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Supporters and members of the Healthcare Information
19 and Management Systems Society advocate for the following:

20 (1) Improved access to health care for rural
21 Pennsylvanians through the expanded use of telehealth.

22 (2) Funding for work force development programs to help
23 increase the health care and information technology work
24 force in this Commonwealth.

25 (3) The adoption of policies that promote
26 interoperability standards which enable cooperation by all
27 provider communities in this Commonwealth;

28 therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 1,
30 2018, as "Health Care Information Technology Awareness Day" in

1 Pennsylvania; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 importance of raising awareness of health care information
4 technology and the advancement of the health care information
5 exchange to help improve the quality of health care, save lives
6 and reduce the cost of health care for all Pennsylvanians; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives welcome members
9 and supporters of the Healthcare Information and Management
10 Systems Society to the State Capitol to promote better health
11 care in this Commonwealth through broader adoption of health
12 care information technology and the advancement of a Statewide
13 health care information exchange.