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S. RES. 202

Designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National Health Information Technology Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2007

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National Health Information Technology Week”.

Whereas the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society has worked collaboratively with more than 48 stakeholder organizations for more than 45 years to transform health care with improved uses of information technology and management systems;

Whereas the Center for Information Technology Leadership estimated that the implementation of national standards for interoperability and the exchange of health information would save the United States approximately \$77,000,000,000 in expenses relating to health care each year;

Whereas the RAND Corporation estimated that, if the health care system of the United States implemented the use of computerized medical records, the system could save the United States more than \$81,000,000,000 each year;

Whereas health care information technology has been shown to improve the quality and safety of the delivery of health care in the United States;

Whereas health care information technology and management systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving the quality and cost efficiency of the health care system;

Whereas the President and Secretary of Health and Human Services have made a commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health care information technology and management systems by establishing the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the American Health Information Community;

Whereas Congress has placed an emphasis on improving the quality and safety of the delivery of health care in the United States; and

Whereas organizations across the country have come together to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness relating to the potential benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency that the health care system could achieve if health information technology were better utilized: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the value of information tech-
3 nology and management systems in transforming
4 health care for all people in the United States;

1 (2) designates the period beginning on May 14,
2 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National
3 Health Information Technology Week”; and

4 (3) encourages the use of information tech-
5 nology and management systems to transform the
6 health care system in the United States.

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