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Designating the week beginning on June 14, 2010, and ending on June 18, 2010, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology to improving health quality.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2010

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society has collaborated with more than 5 dozen healthcare organizations for almost 50 years to transform health care by improving information technology and management systems;

Whereas the Center for Information Technology Leadership estimates 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 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 Congress has made a commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health care information technology and management systems, including through the adoption of electronic medical records that will help to reduce costs and improve quality while ensuring privacy of patients and codification of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology;

Whereas Congress has emphasized improving the quality and safety of delivery of health care in the United States; and

Whereas since 2006, organizations across the United States have united to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness of the benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency of the health care system that the implementation of health information technology could achieve: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning on June 14,
3 2010, and ending on June 18, 2010, as “National
4 Health Information Technology Week”;

5 (2) recognizes the value of information tech-
6 nology and management systems in transforming
7 health care for the people of the United States; and

1 (3) calls on all interested parties to promote the
2 use of information technology and management sys-
3 tems to transform the health care system in the
4 United States.

