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Designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 7, 2015

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

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States.

Whereas 2015 celebrates the 10th anniversary of National Health Information Technology Week;

Whereas Congress has emphasized that the use of health information technology is essential to providing coordinated care, expanding access to care, and improving the quality and safety of the mental and physical health of all people in the United States;

Whereas health information technology is essential for improving patient care, ensuring patient safety, stopping duplicative tests and paperwork, and reducing healthcare costs;

Whereas Congress has recognized that the convergence of medical advances, health information technology, and high-speed broadband networks are transforming the delivery of care by bringing the healthcare provider and patient together virtually, especially those in disadvantaged populations and geographies;

Whereas by 2020, the market segment for the healthcare-related Internet of Things, which allows data to move among people, sensors, and machines, is expected to approach \$120,000,000,000;

Whereas personalized medicine is an important emerging healthcare topic that includes the tailoring of medicines and treatments to the unique genetic blueprint and lifestyle and environmental data of each patient and comparing that information to the information of other individuals to predict illness and determine best treatments;

Whereas Congress has recognized and taken action to modernize regulations so as to grow the health information technology market, improve the health of all people in the United States, create high-demand jobs, and stimulate market innovation; and

Whereas it is necessary to continue activities that are foundational to the transformation of healthcare delivery in the United States, including—

- (1) innovation in health information technology;
- (2) opening interoperability between systems and devices; and

(3) the exchange of health information confidently and securely among different providers, systems, and insurers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of October 5 through
3 October 9, 2015, as “National Health Information
4 Technology Week”;

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

8 (3) encourages all interested parties to promote
9 the use of information technology and management
10 systems to transform the healthcare system of the
11 United States; and

12 (4) calls on all people to be engaged in their
13 mental and physical health through the use of health
14 information technology.

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