

Senate Resolution 799

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Thompson of the 14th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 30, 2014, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are more than 250 health information technology companies in Georgia,
4 a number that continues to rise rapidly; and

5 WHEREAS, the health information technology industry in Georgia already leads the nation
6 with more than 200 companies, over \$4 billion in annual reported revenue, and 15,000
7 employees, their mission being to improve patient services and reducing health care costs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia-based health information technology sector employs over 30,000
10 people in the state and the sector's businesses are growing around 40 percent annually, with
11 Atlanta often being referred to as the health information technology capital of the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, several major health information technology companies in the Atlanta region
14 are attempting to make the city the "epicenter of health information technology"; and

15 WHEREAS, health information technology provides the umbrella framework to describe the
16 comprehensive management of health information across computerized systems and its
17 secure exchange between consumers, providers, government and quality entities, and
18 insurers; and

19 WHEREAS, health information technology is increasingly being viewed as the most
20 promising tool for improving the overall quality, safety, and efficiency of the health delivery
21 system; and

22 WHEREAS, a broad and consistent utilization of health information technology will, among
23 other benefits, improve health care quality, increase health care efficiency, prevent medical
24 errors, reduce health care costs, extend real-time communications of health informatics
25 among health care professionals, and expand access to affordable care.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the health information technology industry on its efforts to improve the quality,
28 efficiency, and affordability of health care for the residents of Georgia and recognize January
29 30, 2014, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the public and the press.