

## Senate Resolution 284

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th, Kennedy of the 18th, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Atlanta is often referred to as the health information technology capital of the  
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, health information technology provides the umbrella framework to describe the  
6 comprehensive management of health information across computerized systems and its  
7 secure exchange between consumers, providers, government and quality entities, and  
8 insurers; and

9 WHEREAS, there are more than 200 health information technology companies in Georgia,  
10 a number that continues to rise rapidly; and

11 WHEREAS, the health information technology industry in Georgia already leads the nation  
12 with more than \$4 billion in annual reported revenue and 15,000 employees, their mission  
13 being to improve patient services and reduce health care costs; and

14 WHEREAS, the following eight Georgia based health IT companies are ranked among the  
15 2014 Healthcare Informatics 100 List: McKesson, MedAssets, Greenway Health, HealthPort  
16 Technologies, Surgical Information Systems, Navicure, Brightree, and Craneware; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2014 Institute for Healthcare Information Technology Report reported that  
18 there are currently more than 4,700 unfilled health care IT jobs available in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia's health information technology employment growth is among the  
20 highest in the nation, with a growth rate of almost 20 percent in the past five years alone; and

21 WHEREAS, the Institute for Healthcare Information Technology partners with the Office  
22 of the Lieutenant Governor, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University  
23 System of Georgia to raise awareness of this emerging work force and to adjust education  
24 options available to Georgia students.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend the health information technology industry on its efforts to partner with  
27 postsecondary institutions in order to develop education options for Georgia students to fill  
28 the growing demands of the health information technology work force and recognize  
29 February 24, 2015, 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the  
32 public and the press.