

House Resolution 1455

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Sharper of the 177th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Jones of the 47th, and Martin of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2016, 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 225 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 \$4.5 billion in annual reported revenue and 30,000 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 2015 Healthcare Informatics 100 List: McKesson, MedAssets, Greenway Health, HealthPort
16 Technologies, Surgical Information Systems, Navicure, Brightree, and Sharecare; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2015 Institute for Healthcare Information Provider Report reported that 80%
18 of study respondents stated that their IT budget will increase over the next five years with the
19 top priority areas for IT spending being: Electronic Medical Records, Cyber Security, and
20 Medical Device Integration; and

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

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Healthcare Information Management and Systems
24 Society (GA-HIMSS) provides statewide leadership for the advancement and management
25 of healthcare information and technology and encompasses over 1,600 healthcare IT
26 professionals; and

27 WHEREAS, the Institute for Healthcare Information Technology (IHIT) partners with
28 industry, government, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System
29 of Georgia to raise awareness of this emerging work force and to adjust education options
30 available to Georgia students.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend TAG Health, GA-HIMSS, IHIT, and the health
33 information technology industry on their efforts to grow the economy by supporting
34 businesses and facilitating industry and education partnerships and recognize February 25,
35 2016, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
38 members of the public and the press.