

Senate Resolution 604

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 25, 2018, 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 250 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 approximately 30,000 employees, their mission being to improve patient services and
13 reduce healthcare costs; and

14 WHEREAS, the following eight Georgia based health information technology companies are
15 ranked among the 2017 Healthcare Informatics 100 List: CIOX Health, Cotiviti, nThrive,
16 Greenway Health, Brightree, Sharecare, LexisNexis Risk Solutions, and Navicare; and

17 WHEREAS, the eight metro Atlanta companies ranked among the top 100 in the nation by
18 Healthcare Informatics Magazine have cumulative revenues totaling close to \$2.5 billion; and

19 WHEREAS, the Technology Association of Georgia Health Society's mission is to be a
20 catalyst for furthering Georgia as a leader in healthcare technology, through opportunities
21 in education, networking, and collaboration by working with society members, community

22 leaders, and industry stakeholders to create an environment that will facilitate the realization
23 of this mission; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Healthcare Information Management and Systems
25 Society (GAHIMSS) provides state-wide leadership for the advancement and management
26 of healthcare information and technology, encompassing over 1,800 healthcare IT
27 professionals; the GAHIMSS mission is to actively engage our members, sponsors, partners,
28 and legislators in improving health and health care in Georgia through healthcare information
29 and management systems; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 extraordinary industry be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize January 25, 2018, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol and
34 commend TAG Health, the GAHIMSS, and the health information technology industry on
35 their efforts to grow the economy by supporting businesses and facilitating industry and
36 education partnerships.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to TAG Health, the
39 GAHMISS, health information technology professionals, the public, and the press.