

Senate Resolution 289

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th and Dolezal of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 7, 2019, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta are leaders in the health information
4 technology industry; 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; and

11 WHEREAS, the health information technology industry in Georgia already leads the nation
12 with thousands of experienced employees, their mission being to improve patient services
13 and reduce health care costs; and

14 WHEREAS, the health care information technology companies in Georgia contribute
15 millions of dollars to the economic development in Georgia and to the industry; and

16 WHEREAS, the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) Health society's mission is to
17 be a catalyst for furthering Georgia as a leader in health care technology, through
18 opportunities in education, networking, and collaboration by working with society members,
19 community leaders, and industry stakeholders to create an environment that will facilitate the
20 realization of this mission; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Healthcare Information Management and Systems
22 Society (GAHIMSS) provides state-wide leadership for the advancement and management

23 of health care information and technology, which encompasses more than 1,800 health care
24 information technology professionals; the GAHIMSS mission is to actively engage our
25 members, sponsors, partners, and legislators in improving health and health care in Georgia
26 through information technology.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend TAG Health, GAHIMSS, and the health information technology industry on their
29 efforts to grow the economy and improve health care systems by supporting health care
30 businesses and facilitating industry and education partnerships.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
33 press.