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Designating the week beginning June 9, 2008, as “National Health Information Technology Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning June 9, 2008, as “National Health Information Technology Week”.

Whereas the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society has worked collaboratively with more than 60 stakeholder organizations for more than 47 years to transform healthcare with improved uses of information technology and management systems;

Whereas the Center for Information Technology Leadership estimates that the implementation of national standards for interoperability and the exchange of health information would save the United States resources relating to healthcare each year;

Whereas healthcare information technology has been shown to improve the quality and safety of the delivery of healthcare in the United States;

Whereas healthcare information technology and management systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving the quality and cost efficiency of the healthcare system;

Whereas the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services have made a commitment to leverage the benefits of the healthcare information technology and management systems by establishing the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the American Health Information Community;

Whereas Congress has placed an emphasis on improving the quality and safety of the delivery of healthcare in the United States; and

Whereas, since 2006, organizations across the United States have come together to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness relating to the potential benefits of the improved quality and cost efficiency that the healthcare system could achieve by implementing healthcare information technology: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning June 9,
3 2008, as “National Health Information Technology
4 Week”;

5 (2) recognizes the value of healthcare informa-
6 tion technology and management systems in trans-
7 forming healthcare for the people of the United
8 States; and

1 (3) calls upon all stakeholders to promote the
2 use of healthcare information technology and man-
3 agement systems to transform the United States
4 healthcare system.

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