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House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending the medical coders of this state
3 and designating April 15, 2006, as "Medical Coders' Day"
4 in Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, medical coders are individuals who analyze medical
7 records and assign codes to classify diagnoses and procedures to
8 support the reimbursement system, the assessment of clinical
9 care, and medical research activity, skills that necessitate a
10 thorough understanding of the content of medical records as well
11 as an exhaustive store of clinical knowledge of anatomy,
12 physiology, pharmacology, and clinical disease process, and

13 WHEREAS, medical coders identify patterns of disease,
14 illness, and injury in populations throughout the world and
15 trace
16 the trends and patterns in the procedures and services provided,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the use of medical code findings for disease and
19 injury prevention has contributed to a better understanding of
20 the relationships of illness and injury to treatment, including
21 that of heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious
22 diseases, and motor vehicle and workplace injuries, and

23 WHEREAS, medical coders help preserve the history of
24 communities through the abstraction of information from birth
25 and death records, and

26 WHEREAS, the need for qualified medical coders in
27 physicians' offices and outpatient and hospital settings
28 continues to increase in Florida and nationally, and

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29 WHEREAS, over the past decade, medical coders have achieved
30 significant milestones in the sophistication of their profession
31 through extensive education and training, and

32 WHEREAS, the integrity and high standards of medical coders
33 have contributed greatly to the efforts of the United States
34 Department of Health and Human Services in its campaign against
35 fraud and abuse in medical coding reimbursement, and

36 WHEREAS, the medical coding community is international in
37 its language in the pursuit of optimal health for everyone in
38 every nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41 Florida:

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43 That the House of Representatives commends Florida's
44 medical coders for their contributions to the field of medicine
45 in this state and designates April 15, 2006, as "Medical Coders'
46 Day" in Florida.