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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, 2007, 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 the trends and patterns in the procedures and services
16 provided, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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42 That the House of Representatives commends Florida's
43 medical coders for their contributions to the field of medicine
44 in this state and designates April 15, 2007, as "Medical Coders'
45 Day" in Florida.