

## House Resolution 1155

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 178<sup>th</sup>, and Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1    Urging the Congress of the United States to help ensure that legislation that brings generic
- 2    biotech drugs to the market faster includes provisions to ensure that the public health is
- 3    protected and that the ability of biotech companies to recoup sufficient returns to keep them
- 4    investing in this important enterprise is also protected; and for other purposes.
- 5    WHEREAS, Georgia is at the epicenter of the explosion of life science discovery, and
- 6    innovation has fueled a dynamic economic engine for this state; and
- 7    WHEREAS, biotech companies have played a key role in the emergence of our state as a
- 8    global leader in the discovery of cures for diseases that were previously thought incurable;
- 9    and
- 10   WHEREAS, the discovery and development of biologics is expensive and time-consuming;
- 11   and
- 12   WHEREAS, the legislature wishes to ensure that Georgia's biotech companies remain
- 13   economically viable; and
- 14   WHEREAS, the legislature also wishes to ensure that new drugs are adequately tested before
- 15   they are released to the market; and
- 16   WHEREAS, Georgia is committed to the principle that these innovative new medicines be
- 17   safe and affordable and that biotech companies receive protection for their investment of
- 18   time and resources necessary for the complex development of innovative health care
- 19   breakthroughs.
- 20   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 21   this body hereby urges the United States Congress to help ensure that any new legislation
- 22   that brings generic biotech drugs to the market faster includes provisions to ensure that the

1 public health is protected by adequate testing of follow-on biologics and that the ability of  
2 biotech companies to recoup sufficient returns to keep them investing in this important  
3 enterprise is also protected.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia  
6 congressional delegation.