

## House Resolution 1158

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Pruett of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Levitas of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Davis of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Saluting Georgia BIO and welcoming BIO 2009 to Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, bioscience technologies form the foundation of a new bioeconomy and are  
3 driving innovations in healthcare, agriculture, renewable energy resources, industrial  
4 production, environmental management, and national security; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia BIO is the state affiliate of the Washington, D.C.-based Biotechnology  
6 Industry Organization, and members of these organizations are part of an extensive national  
7 and international network of BIO innovators working together to promote life sciences  
8 research, commercialization, and the establishment of a biotechnology industry; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Georgia BIO is sponsoring BIO 2009, the Biotechnology Industry  
10 Organization's Annual BIO International Convention, which will bring to Georgia life  
11 sciences technologies from across the globe in healthcare, agriculture, industrial and energy  
12 production, environmental management, and biodefense; and
- 13 WHEREAS, members of the Biotechnology Industry Organization include thousands of  
14 companies, universities, research institutions, and other industry associations involved in the  
15 discovery and application of life sciences products to improve the health and well-being of  
16 people throughout the world; and
- 17 WHEREAS, BIO 2009 presents a unique opportunity to promote Georgia and showcase to  
18 the global community the state's life sciences industry and initiatives in healthcare,  
19 agriculture, bioenergy, forestry, environmental management, and national security; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia through its various agencies and organizations is  
21 encouraged to participate in and support the BIO 2009 conference and take every advantage  
22 of this unique opportunity to promote Georgia and Georgia's incredible life sciences  
23 resources, including its many natural resources, vast collection of intellectual property and

1 innovative scientific research, outstanding universities and colleges, supportive business  
2 climate, and, most importantly, Georgia's southern hospitality; and

3 WHEREAS, BIO 2009 will bring hundreds of the greatest minds in the world to Georgia and  
4 potentially act as a spring board launching millions of dollars into Georgia's economy  
5 through both tourism and job development; and

6 WHEREAS, BIO 2009 marks a significant turning point in Georgia's quest to become a  
7 leader in the world bioeconomy market, and this event is a significant step towards achieving  
8 Georgia's goal to unite government, industry, and universities together in a comprehensive  
9 research, commercialization, and economic development effort that will result in job growth,  
10 increased tax revenues, and improvements in education, health, and the overall quality of life  
11 for all of Georgia's citizens.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 GEORGIA that this body salutes Georgia BIO for its many contributions to the citizens of  
14 this state and wholeheartedly welcomes BIO 2009, the Biotechnology Industry  
15 Organization's Annual BIO International Convention, to Atlanta, Georgia.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia BIO.