

## House Resolution 94

By: Representatives Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Peake of the 141<sup>st</sup>, and Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Bio for the advancements it has made in the life sciences industry and  
2 for the impact it has on this state's economy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio, founded in 1989, is a non-profit, membership-based organization  
4 that promotes the interests and growth of the life sciences industry; and

5 WHEREAS, members include companies, universities, research institutions, government  
6 groups, and other industry associations involved in discovery and application of life sciences  
7 products and related services that improve the health and well-being of people throughout  
8 the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio's mission is to advance the growth of Georgia's life sciences  
10 industry and foster strategic partnerships that can create a healthier world; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio conducts business and economic development activities; advocates  
12 on behalf of the industry on public policy matters; educates the public about the benefits of  
13 life sciences research and product development; and provides a network for the exchange of  
14 ideas, information, and opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio runs the Georgia BioEd Institute, a charitable nonprofit  
16 organization committed to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)  
17 education with a focus in biotechnology and medtech in Georgia through school programs,  
18 workforce training, and lifelong learning; and

19 WHEREAS, there are more than 360 life sciences companies in Georgia, most of them  
20 focused on healthcare applications, ranging from established to start-up pharmaceutical  
21 biotechnology, medical device, diagnostic, medical supply, and medical informatics  
22 companies; and contract laboratory, preclinical, and clinical research organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, the life sciences industry and university research, plus the United States Centers  
24 for Disease Control and Prevention, have a \$20 billion annual economic impact on Georgia  
25 and employ more than 94,000 people, and the life sciences industry alone employs more than  
26 65,000 people and has an economic impact of nearly \$17 billion; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia's life sciences industry pays nearly \$5.6 billion in salaries and more  
28 than \$550 million per year in state and local taxes, making it a positive force on this state's  
29 economy.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Georgia Bio for the advancements it has made in the life  
32 sciences industry as well as the positive impact it has on this state's economy.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Georgia Bio.