

Senate Resolution 104

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Millar of the 40th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Hill of the 6th

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 SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Georgia Bio for the advancements it has made in the life sciences industry as well
32 as the positive impact it has on this state's economy.

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