

Senate Resolution 851

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Still of the 48th, Summers of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the creation of a life sciences caucus in the Georgia Senate; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate recognizes the life sciences sector as a critical component
4 of this state's economic growth, workforce development, and public health infrastructure
5 impacting urban, suburban, and rural communities in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, the life sciences encompass the scientific study of living organisms and life
7 related processes and span diverse fields, including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical
8 devices, diagnostics, industrial biotechnology, and agricultural biotechnology; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to world-class research universities, academic medical centers,
10 technical colleges, innovative start-ups and established companies, and local, regional,
11 national, and global manufacturers that focus on the life sciences and contribute significantly
12 to this state's economic competitiveness; and

13 WHEREAS, continued advancement in therapeutics, diagnostics, medical devices, and
14 agricultural innovation by the life sciences sector is essential to improving patient outcomes,

15 strengthening food security and sustainable practices, addressing unfulfilled medical needs,
16 and enhancing quality of life; and

17 WHEREAS, the life sciences sector provides high-income employment opportunities that
18 require diverse skill sets and contribute significantly to this state's workforce development
19 and long-term economic competitiveness; and

20 WHEREAS, continued investments in infrastructure, talent development, education, and
21 advanced manufacturing in the life sciences sector strengthen this state's position as a leader
22 in innovation and enhance healthcare access, food security, environmental sustainability, and
23 public health in this state; and

24 WHEREAS, policymakers will benefit from ongoing education and engagement with life
25 sciences industry leaders, academic institutions, workforce partners, and patient communities
26 to better understand the opportunities and challenges facing this rapidly evolving sector; and

27 WHEREAS, a life sciences caucus in the Georgia Senate will establish a bipartisan forum
28 for legislators to develop a comprehensive understanding of this state's life sciences
29 ecosystem and promote education and dialogue regarding workforce development, research,
30 innovation, manufacturing, and commercialization; and

31 WHEREAS, a life sciences caucus in the Georgia Senate will allow legislators to support
32 policies that enhance the state's competitiveness and foster a strong environment for growth
33 and investment in the life sciences sector and engage with stakeholders through briefings, site
34 visits, and informational sessions to better inform legislative decision making.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 encourage the creation of a life sciences caucus in the Georgia Senate.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
39 press.