

House Resolution 321

By: Representative Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the STEM education and workforce development initiatives  
2 through the STEM Summit held on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, opportunities for career development are due in large part to the varied  
5 education and training available at all levels, including high school career academies,  
6 workplace apprenticeships, Georgia's renowned system of technical colleges, and prestigious  
7 public universities; and

8 WHEREAS, a recent analysis of STEM occupations nationwide by Science is US found that  
9 the number of STEM jobs in Georgia increased by 186,000 between 2017 and 2021, a 9.6  
10 percent increase, which was twice the national average; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's 2.1 million STEM professionals represent one-third of the state's  
12 labor force and account for 39 percent of the state's gross domestic product; and

13 WHEREAS, 56 percent of Georgia's STEM professionals do not have a bachelor's degree,  
14 instead pursuing their training through technical colleges, the military, and vocational and  
15 other technology education programs; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce  
17 are great partners in identifying high-demand careers needed for the businesses of today and  
18 those projected in the future; and

19 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia  
20 have effectively and efficiently adjusted curriculum and investments of state dollars in STEM  
21 education programming; and

22 WHEREAS, all meaningful jobs provide value, and career paths need to be attainable  
23 through many avenues. Opportunities for STEM professionals are on the rise, and Georgia  
24 is well positioned to deliver for businesses across the state; and

25 WHEREAS, STEM jobs are a growing factor in the equation for Georgia's long-term  
26 success, and education and workforce training are key.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend STEM students, educators, and partner organizations for  
29 highlighting the many opportunities for a STEM workforce to address the needs of a growing  
30 Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 public and the press.