

House Resolution 1474

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th, LaHood of the 175th, Yearta of the 152nd, Thomas of the 21st, and others

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives recognizes the life sciences sector as a
4 critical component of this state's economic growth, workforce development, and public
5 health infrastructure 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 House of Representatives will establish
28 a bipartisan forum for legislators to develop a comprehensive understanding of this state's
29 life sciences ecosystem and promote education and dialogue regarding workforce
30 development, research, innovation, manufacturing, and commercialization; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body encourage the creation of a life sciences caucus in the Georgia
38 House of Representatives.

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