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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas Technology Week is being celebrated February  
2 13-19, 2011, to increase public awareness of the extraordinary  
3 achievements of the state's technology and life sciences industries  
4 and research institutions and the vital role they play in the  
5 prosperity of the Lone Star State; and

6           WHEREAS, This worthwhile event is sponsored by TechAmerica  
7 Texas, the Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute, TechNet  
8 Texas, the Texas Coalition for Capital, and the Metroplex  
9 Technology Business Council; and

10           WHEREAS, The state's technology and life sciences industries  
11 and research institutions are revolutionizing the world in which we  
12 live through leading-edge advances in medicine, space exploration,  
13 computing, communications, energy, and transportation; within the  
14 state, these industries employ more residents of Texas than the  
15 oil, natural gas, and agricultural industries combined, and their  
16 high-wage, highly skilled jobs contribute to a diverse and growing  
17 economy; and

18           WHEREAS, People around the globe have benefited immeasurably  
19 from medical treatments and devices developed by Texas businesses;  
20 the Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute, whose membership  
21 includes universities, private research institutions, and  
22 biotechnology, medical device, and pharmaceutical companies, helps  
23 foster the cycle of innovation that makes Texas a leader in the life  
24 sciences arena; and

1           WHEREAS, The life sciences industry generates a significant  
2 economic impact in the state, as companies and institutions  
3 purchase equipment and inputs and well-paid employees spend money  
4 in their home communities; the industry's total impact on Texas  
5 each year is estimated at \$75 billion in economic activity, 236,000  
6 jobs, \$31 billion in payroll, and an estimated \$2 billion in annual  
7 revenue for state and local governments; moreover, for every job  
8 created in the life sciences industry, another 2.3 jobs are created  
9 elsewhere in the Texas economy; and

10           WHEREAS, In the Cyberstates study conducted by TechAmerica,  
11 Texas ranked second in the country in high-tech employment, with  
12 approximately 492,400 jobs; moreover, 57 out of every 1,000  
13 private-sector workers in the state are employed by high-tech  
14 firms; Texas placed 12th in the nation in terms of high-tech average  
15 wage, with that figure being nearly double the wage earned by the  
16 average private-sector worker, and the industry provides an  
17 aggregate payroll of \$41.8 billion; the importance of this industry  
18 is further underscored by the fact that Texas is the nation's  
19 second-largest tech-exporting state, with more than one-fifth of  
20 its exported products originating in the tech industry; these  
21 exports total more than \$35.8 billion each year, providing  
22 high-wage jobs for Texans in all parts of the state; and

23           WHEREAS, All sectors of the high-tech and life sciences  
24 communities are joining together this week to discuss the major  
25 issues facing their industries and to affirm their support for a  
26 strong system of public and higher education, a critical factor in  
27 providing the highly skilled workforce on which these industries

1 depend; and

2           WHEREAS, The technology and life sciences industries have  
3 become a tremendous engine of economic growth in the State of Texas,  
4 and the benefits of their research and production enhance the lives  
5 of people the world over; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 13-19, 2011, as Texas  
8 Technology Week and commend its sponsors for their outstanding  
9 efforts in promoting research, development, products, services,  
10 and manufacturing in the Lone Star State.