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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Technology Week is being celebrated February
2 18-22, 2013, 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, the Metroplex Technology
9 Business Council, and The Wind Coalition; representatives from
10 these organizations are gathering together to discuss the major
11 issues facing their industries and to demonstrate their support for
12 an educational system that will provide the skilled and talented
13 workforce they will need; and

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

22 WHEREAS, People around the globe have benefited immeasurably
23 from medical treatments and devices developed by Texas businesses,
24 and the work of our universities, private research institutions,

1 and biotechnology, medical device, and pharmaceutical companies
2 has helped to foster the cycle of innovation that makes Texas a
3 leader in the life sciences arena; and

4 WHEREAS, The life sciences and technology industries
5 generate a significant economic impact in the state; ranking second
6 in the country in high-tech employment, Texas is the nation's
7 second-largest tech-exporting state, with more than one-fifth of
8 its exported products originating in the tech industry; and

9 WHEREAS, The technology and life sciences industries and
10 research institutions have become a tremendous engine of economic
11 growth in the State of Texas and have enhanced the lives of people
12 the world over; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 18-22, 2013, as Texas
15 Technology Week and extend to all participants best wishes for a
16 rewarding and productive event.