

Senate Resolution 94

By: Senator Hill of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Bio for the advancements it has made in the life sciences industry and
2 for the impact it has on this state's economy and recognizing January 28, 2015, as Georgia
3 Bio Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio, founded in 1989, is a nonprofit, membership-based organization
5 that promotes the interests and growth of the life sciences industry; and

6 WHEREAS, members include companies, universities, research institutions, government
7 groups, and other industry associations involved in discovery and application of life sciences
8 products and related services that improve the health and well-being of people throughout
9 the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio's mission is to advance the growth of Georgia's life sciences
11 industry and foster strategic partnerships that can create a healthier world; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio conducts business and economic development activities; advocates
13 on behalf of the industry on public policy matters; educates the public about the benefits of
14 life sciences research and product development; and provides a network for the exchange of
15 ideas, information, and opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio runs the Georgia BioEd Institute, a charitable nonprofit
17 organization committed to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)
18 education with a focus in biotechnology and medtech in Georgia through school programs,
19 workforce training, and lifelong learning; and

20 WHEREAS, there are more than 360 life sciences companies in Georgia, most of them
21 focused on healthcare applications, ranging from established to start-up pharmaceutical
22 biotechnology, medical device, diagnostic, medical supply, and medical informatics
23 companies; and contract laboratory, preclinical, and clinical research organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, the life sciences industry and university research, plus the United States Centers
25 for Disease Control and Prevention, have a \$20 billion annual economic impact on Georgia
26 and employ more than 94,000 people, and the life sciences industry alone employs more than
27 65,000 people and has an economic impact of nearly \$17 billion; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia's life sciences industry pays nearly \$5.6 billion in salaries and more
29 than \$550 million per year in state and local taxes, making it a positive force on this state's
30 economy.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend Georgia Bio for the advancements it has made in the life sciences industry as well
33 as the positive impact it has on this state's economy, recognize January 28, 2015, as Georgia
34 Bio Day at the state capitol, and extend warm greetings to Georgia Bio, its member
35 organizations, and its staff and convey to them this legislative body's heartiest commendation
36 for their past, present, and future work on behalf of children and youth and their families in
37 this state and throughout our nation.

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