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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

A RESOLUTION

To establish and recognize the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Caucus of the House of Representatives and to provide relative to the caucus.

WHEREAS, biosciences are responsible for the creation of jobs for over eleven thousand five hundred Louisiana residents with an average individual salary of eighty-one thousand seven hundred five dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to many academic institutions which collectively attract more than one hundred sixty-two million dollars of National Institutes of Health funding; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is a leader in engineering, biomedical innovation, energy, and many other STEM sectors; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Innovation Caucus, hereafter referred to as the STEM Innovation Caucus, will enable members of the House of Representatives who are passionate about STEM innovation and growth in Louisiana to develop, coordinate, facilitate, and speak with a unified voice for legislative policy supporting STEM research and entrepreneurialism in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and recognize the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every member of the House of Representatives who has an interest in STEM innovation and policy development may be a member of the STEM Innovation Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the STEM Innovation Caucus of the House of Representatives shall not be provided any funding, office space, equipment, or staff by the House of Representatives or any agency thereof.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES