

2001 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 805

Designating the month of October 2001 and each succeeding year as Virginia Biotechnology Month.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2001

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2001

WHEREAS, biotechnology promises to significantly advance health care by (i) improving the quality of life through enhanced disease prevention and diagnosis, (ii) extending the human life span through new drugs and biomedical devices, (iii) enabling better nutrition through agricultural biotechnology, and (iv) ensuring a cleaner environment through environmental biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, biotechnology is creating new types of businesses and business opportunities in such areas as genomics, drugs and therapeutics, gene therapy, vaccines, bioinformatics, agriculture, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, a prospering biotechnology industry already exists in the Commonwealth and is making substantial contributions to the Commonwealth's economy; and

WHEREAS, fostering the growth of the Commonwealth's biotechnology industry benefits all citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, students should be encouraged to enter into this prestigious and prosperous field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the month of October 2001 and each succeeding year as Virginia Biotechnology Month; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly urge Virginians to use this occasion to become aware of biotechnology by hosting and attending biotechnology exhibits and science fairs and to focus on fostering the growth of biotechnology industry in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Commonwealth in order that she may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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