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Rep. Schwartzkopf on behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

HONORING THE DELAWARE BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE AND THE DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (BIOSCIENCE CAT) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DELAWARE'S ECONOMY THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF ACADEMIC-INDUSTRIAL LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the Delaware Bioscience Center for Advanced Technology (Bioscience CAT) has, since its
2 establishment in 2011, worked successfully to seed and support academic-industrial partnerships that have created life
3 sciences jobs in Delaware; and

4 WHEREAS, the center has supported research leading to new Delaware-based biotechnology ventures; and

5 WHEREAS, the center has provided Delaware businesses access to high-end research technologies at a reduced
6 rate; and

7 WHEREAS, the center is affiliated with the Governor's Prosperity Partnership; and

8 WHEREAS, since its inception the center has awarded over 80 grants, providing a 15-fold economic return on
9 Delaware's investment and resulting in the creation of more than 400 STEM and STEM-allied Delaware jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, the center also focuses on K-12 outreach, working to target Delaware's young people, with special
11 emphasis on young women and minorities, and increases their interest in science with hands-on research experiences and
12 bringing them into contact with graduate students in a process known as "service learning;" and

13 WHEREAS, the center operates a "Bio Genius Program" in which high school students are given an opportunity
14 to present their research and compete to attend national and international conferences, resulting, thus far, in sending four
15 Delaware students to such conferences, with two being recognized for their efforts at the White House and another
16 receiving scholarship opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, the center provides start-up companies with access to instrumentation and other resources that the
18 companies would not have the funds to purchase on their own; and

19 WHEREAS, the center has on-going efforts to attract companies and professors in various scientific disciplines to
20 Delaware; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2020 the center will be moving its base of operations to UD's new STAR campus;

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
24 Representatives concurring therein, that the members do hereby commend the Delaware Biotechnology Institute and the
25 Delaware Bioscience Center for Advanced Technology (Bioscience CAT) for their outstanding efforts to strengthen
26 Delaware's economy through the support of academic-industrial life science research collaborations and do hereby extend
27 the hope for many more years of success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly commends these distinguished organizations for their
29 efforts to enrich the lives of Delaware's young people by providing them with opportunities to observe and pursue scientific
30 research.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members are pleased to welcome a delegation from the center to
32 Legislative Hall and that the visitors be provided with suitable copies of this Senate Concurrent Resolution upon its
33 passage.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution commends the Delaware Biotechnology Institute and the Delaware Bioscience Center for Advanced Technology (Bioscience CAT) for their outstanding efforts to strengthen Delaware's economy through the support of academic-industrial life science research collaborations and to enrich the lives of Delaware's young people by providing them with opportunities to observe and pursue scientific research.

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