

Senate Resolution 674

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2020, as Georgia Life Sciences Day at the state capitol and
2 commending Georgia Bio; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the life sciences industry encompasses any initiative aimed at improving the
4 quality and standard of life from industry sectors including biotechnology, medical devices,
5 diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, digital health, research institutes, global health, bio-agriculture
6 and biofuels, contract manufacturing organizations, and clinical research organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, the life sciences industry in Georgia is resilient and growing with 1,960 unique
8 establishments that contributed 68,300 direct jobs and \$10 billion to Georgia's gross domestic
9 product, representing a 14.9% employment and 32% private sector establishment growth
10 over the last decade; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's life sciences sector has more than 3,181 ongoing clinical trials
12 and 437 patents granted in 2018 and, together with research funding, is generating rapid
13 innovation and growth of the life sciences startup ecosystem of emerging technologies; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia is a center of global health innovation with the U.S. Centers of Disease
15 Control and Prevention, Carter Center, Task Force for Global Health, CARE International,
16 American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, American Red Cross, and the state's
17 world-renowned research universities; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia Bio founded in 1989, is a nonprofit, membership-based organization
19 that promotes the interests and growth of the life sciences industry and is the state's largest
20 and most influential life sciences advocacy and business leadership organization which
21 works to improve access to innovative technologies and grow Georgia's life sciences
22 economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia BioEd Institute is a division of Georgia Bio, a charitable nonprofit
24 organization committed to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education
25 with a focus in biotechnology and medtech in Georgia through classroom-to-career initiatives
26 that align with industry needs, an equipment depot, workforce training, and lifelong learning.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize February 25, 2020, as Georgia Life Sciences Day at the state capitol and commend
29 Georgia Bio.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
32 press.