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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATOR FOIL

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Establishes the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Caucus.

| 1  | A RESOLUTION                                                                                 |
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| 2  | To establish and recognize the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and               |
| 3  | Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Caucus of the Senate and to provide relative to the            |
| 4  | caucus.                                                                                      |
| 5  | WHEREAS, STEM occupations are responsible for the creation of thousands of jobs              |
| 6  | for Louisiana residents with average individual salaries in selected fields as follows:      |
| 7  | software developers at one hundred twenty-eight thousand nine hundred eighty dollars per     |
| 8  | year, petroleum engineers at one hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred ninety dollars,   |
| 9  | chemists at one hundred two thousand one hundred twenty dollars, and radiation therapists    |
| 10 | at eighty-eight thousand five hundred ten dollars; and                                       |
| 11 | WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to many academic institutions which collectively                  |
| 12 | attracted more than two hundred twenty-five million dollars of National Institutes of Health |
| 13 | funding for fiscal year 2023; and                                                            |
| 14 | WHEREAS, Louisiana is a leader in engineering, biomedical innovation, aerospace,             |
| 15 | defense, energy, and many other STEM sectors; and                                            |
| 16 | WHEREAS, the establishment of the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering,                |
| 17 | and Mathematics Innovation Caucus, hereafter referred to as the STEM Innovation Caucus,      |
| 18 | will enable members of the Senate who are passionate about STEM innovation and growth        |

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in Louisiana to develop, coordinate, facilitate, and speak with a unified voice for legislative 1 2 policy supporting STEM research and entrepreneurialism in Louisiana; and 3 WHEREAS, a STEM Innovation Caucus was established in the House of Representatives in House Resolution 74 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of 4 5 Louisiana. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana 7 does hereby establish and recognize the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and 8 Mathematics (STEM) Innovation Caucus. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every member of the Senate who has an interest in STEM innovation and policy development may be a member of the STEM Innovation 10 11 Caucus. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the STEM Innovation Caucus of the Senate shall 12 13 not be provided any funding, office space, equipment, or staff by the Senate or any agency 14 thereof. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Danielle Clapinski.

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