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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

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

