ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 23

By: Capps of the Senate

and

Deutschendorf of the House

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the establishment of the Oklahoma Nanotechnology Initiative; stating purpose; stating legislative intent that Secretary of Science and Technology convene certain persons for purpose of forming a nanotechnology organization and its governing board; pledging legislative support of endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the emerging field of nanotechnology, which has been globally recognized as a fundamental technology and the third great megatrend, will have a profound impact on all aspects of life in the areas of health care, manufacturing, computer technology and information science; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma desires to participate in the growth of the nanotechnology industry, which will benefit the state's economy through new revenue sources, high-technology job creation, and a new manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, to establish Oklahoma as a leader in the emerging nanotechnology industry, an internal nanotechnology infrastructure must be established that brings together academic, industrial, financial and business resources to create an environment conducive to the rapid promotion and commercialization of nanotechnology programs in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, this organization, with focus on the promotion and support of business, academic, manufacturing, employment and investment initiatives related to nanotechnology would coordinate and sponsor activities on a global basis for the benefit of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the nanotechnology organization, initially staffed by volunteers with oversight from a governing board comprised of technology-business representatives from the public and the private sectors, will be funded through membership fees and corporate donations and grants, and may receive state funds when appropriated for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Nanotechnology Initiative is hereby established for the purpose of providing a mechanism for creating statewide awareness of the emerging nanotechnology industry and its potential impact on this state, promoting this state and its resources as a valuable site for industry location, and serving as a clearinghouse for information to the academic, financial, industrial and business communities.

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma State Legislature that the Secretary of Science and Technology convene technology-business representatives from the public and the private sectors for the purpose of forming a nanotechnology organization and its governing board.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature pledges its support of these endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of April, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives