

Rep. Tedder offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 71.

A resolution to declare April 26, 2017, as Biosciences Industry Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan has a robust biosciences industry comprised of research, innovation, development, and manufacturing; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to the entire continuum of the biosciences industry, including world class academic and clinical research centers, bioscience startups, established bioscience companies, and contract research/manufacturing firms. These entities work across the agricultural/industrial/environmental, medical devices and equipment, pharmaceuticals, research and testing, and distribution and logistics sectors; and

Whereas, Michigan has 1,760 bioscience establishments, employing 44,278 individuals directly and a total of 225,348 when utilizing an employment multiplier. This ranks the state's bio-industry in the top 15 nationally by size; and

Whereas, Michigan's bio-industry has a strong legacy and is notable for being home to the first two U.S. pharmaceutical companies, Parke-Davis (est. 1866) and Upjohn (est. 1886), the world's largest over-the-counter drug product manufacturer in Perrigo (est. 1887), the chemical giant Dow Chemical (est. 1897), and the medical device firm Stryker (est. 1946), along with many other global brands across the various sectors; and

Whereas, Michigan's research institutions and bioscience companies have contributed significant discoveries and innovation including cholesterol-lowering agents, the first anti-anxiety medication, the first approved treatment for HIV/AIDS AZT, the leading chemotherapy drug cisplatin, the invention of the oscillating electric bone saw by Dr. Homer Stryker, genetically modified hybrid corn to increase crop yields, and the first and only anthrax vaccine along with many other therapies, treatments, devices, and technologies; and

Whereas, Michigan's bio-industry is developing products and applications that are vital towards healing, feeding, and fueling the world; and

Whereas, Michigan's bio-industry generates approximately \$28 billion in revenues, and is the source of hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local tax revenue; and

Whereas, Michigan's bioscience companies and academic research centers help create and retain jobs, spur commercialization and innovative businesses, and attract talent from around the country and the world to the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan Biosciences Industry Association, known as MichBio, is hosting a Biosciences Capitol Day on April 26, 2017, as an opportunity for the statewide biosciences community to join forces with the government to help educate about the bio-industry and engage in policy discussions that can ensure a prosperous and sustainable future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 26, 2017, as Biosciences Industry Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize the value and importance of the biosciences industry to the state's economy and the health of its citizens.