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SYNOPSIS

Designates February 26 through March 3 of 2007 as "Technology
Innovation Week."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the week of February 26 through
2 March 3 of 2007 as “Technology Innovation Week” in New
3 Jersey.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Technological innovation is a powerful engine of
6 economic growth in the global economy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, In New Jersey the technology sector is a major contributor
8 to the overall health of the State’s economy and its continued
9 success is dependent upon the State’s ability to supply employers in
10 this sector with a technologically-literate workforce; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Supporting programs that encourage the State’s young
12 citizens to pursue education and careers in science and technology
13 is a proactive way to meet the future workforce needs of the State’s
14 technology sector; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The FIRST (For Recognition and Inspiration in Science
16 and Technology) Program is dedicated to inspiring young people’s
17 interest in science and technology through innovative student
18 robotics programs that match students with local engineers,
19 engineering professors and students, and business people to solve
20 real-world engineering challenges; and

21 **WHEREAS**, By engaging students in the creative “hands-on, minds-on”
22 process of technological innovation, FIRST’s programs help young
23 people develop technical expertise while gaining the self-
24 confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to meet life’s
25 challenges; and

26 **WHEREAS**, With the financial and technical support of leading
27 technology-based companies, business organizations, colleges, and
28 universities, the New Jersey FIRST Program based at the New
29 Jersey Institute of Technology includes 93 FIRST Robotics teams
30 and FIRST VEX Challenge high school teams, 240 FIRST LEGO
31 League middle school teams, and other technology teams that
32 participate in competitions, tournaments, and programs throughout
33 the region; now, therefore,

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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
36 *State of New Jersey:*

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38 1. The Legislature applauds and commends the FIRST
39 Foundation, its sponsors, partners, educators, and volunteers in the
40 State for their efforts to engage students in the creative process of
41 technological innovation and to create community-wide
42 celebrations of young people’s achievements as they explore the
43 fields of science and technology.

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45 2. The Legislature hereby designates February 26 through
46 March 3, 2007 as “Technology Innovation Week” in New Jersey to
47 celebrate the efforts of young people building the knowledge and
48 skills needed in the technologically-driven global economy and, in

1 particular, to celebrate the efforts of the young participants of the
2 2007 New Jersey FIRST Competition that will take place in the
3 State's capital during this week.

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5 3. The Governor is requested to issue a proclamation calling
6 upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the
7 week with appropriate activities and programs.

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10 STATEMENT

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16 particular, to celebrate the efforts of the young participants of the
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