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SYNOPSIS

Designates first week in March of each year as "Technology Innovation Week."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on March 9, 2009, with amendments.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the first week of March in each
2 year as “Technology Innovation Week.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, Technological innovation is a powerful engine of
5 economic growth in the global economy; and
6 **WHEREAS**, In New Jersey the technology sector is a major contributor
7 to the overall health of the State’s economy and its continued
8 success is dependent upon the State’s ability to supply employers in
9 this sector with a technologically-literate workforce; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Supporting programs that encourage the State’s young
11 citizens to pursue education and careers in science and technology
12 is a proactive way to meet the future workforce needs of the State’s
13 technology sector; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The FIRST (For ¹**[Recognition and]**¹ Inspiration ¹**and**
15 **Recognition**¹ in Science and Technology) Program is dedicated to
16 inspiring young people’s interest in science and technology through
17 innovative student robotics programs that match students with local
18 engineers, engineering professors and students, and business people
19 to solve real-world engineering challenges; and
20 **WHEREAS**, By engaging students in the creative “hands-on, minds-on”
21 process of technological innovation, FIRST’s programs help young
22 people develop technical expertise while gaining the self-
23 confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to meet life’s
24 challenges; and
25 **WHEREAS**, With the financial and technical support of leading
26 technology-based companies, business organizations, colleges, and
27 universities, the New York City/New Jersey FIRST Regional
28 Program based at the New Jersey Institute of Technology includes
29 93 FIRST Robotics teams, 240 FIRST LEGO League middle
30 school teams, and other technology teams that participate in
31 competitions, tournaments, and programs throughout the region;
32 and
33 **WHEREAS**, By fostering interest in science and engineering in our
34 future leaders, science and technology-based education programs
35 will help establish New Jersey as a valuable source of technological
36 talent; now, therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
39 *State of New Jersey:*
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41 1. The first week in March of each year is designated as
42 “Technology Innovation Week” in the State of New Jersey to
43 celebrate innovation and encourage scientific and technological
44 education throughout the State and, in particular, to celebrate the
45 efforts of the young citizens of this State participating in the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 9, 2009.

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1 regional FIRST (For **['Recognition and']** Inspiration **and**
2 **Recognition**¹ in Science and Technology) Competition.

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

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8 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately .