

Senators George, Garcia, Brater and Bishop offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 76.**

A resolution commemorating October 21, 2005, as Biomedical Research Day.

Whereas, Biomedical researchers in Michigan and throughout the United States are recognized as world leaders in discovering new information and developing innovative ideas that promote good health and better treatment of disease; and

Whereas, Biomedical research has played a vital role in helping increase the lifespan of the American people through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and anti-inflammatory drugs; and

Whereas, Biomedical research has contributed tremendously to the virtual elimination of epidemic diseases like cholera and smallpox and has helped prevent many childhood killers such as polio, diphtheria, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and

Whereas, Biomedical researchers continue to work diligently toward cures for diseases such as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Alzheimer's disease, cancer, arthritis, heart and lung diseases, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, mental illness, and countless other diseases that afflict millions of people across Michigan and throughout the country; and

Whereas, Biomedical research has contributed to the health and well-being of animals through development of special vaccines and treatment and has helped prospects for endangered species by reducing disease and promoting reproduction; and

Whereas, Investment in biomedical research has spawned the biotechnology industry, creating many jobs and contributing to the health of the Michigan economy; and

Whereas, Biomedical research continues to receive consistent financial commitment at the state and federal levels, and it is the best hope for new breakthroughs in detecting and treating diseases in the future to help people live healthier, longer lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join the Michigan Society for Medical Research in commemorating October 21, 2005, as Biomedical Research Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all the citizens of Michigan to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of biomedical research and pay tribute to these researchers who offer hope to the millions of Americans suffering from illness and disease; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Society for Medical Research as a token of our support.