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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 137

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1 A Resolution designating a Technology and Science Day
2 in Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, in the 21st century, growth and
4 development in Iowa will increasingly depend on a
5 technologically sophisticated workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, information technology is a highly
7 innovative industry in Iowa that is increasingly
8 becoming the backbone of commerce, as scientists,
9 engineers, and programmers develop new, faster, and
10 more proficient methods of transferring and processing
11 data and have become driving forces for promoting
12 growth in Iowa's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, information technology is an important
14 sector for Iowa's economic future, providing well-
15 paying jobs and the fundamental technological
16 underpinning for advancement in a broad range of other
17 sectors, from finance and insurance to manufacturing
18 and the biosciences; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa's information technology sector shows
20 significant promise for growth and has proven itself
21 to be more robust than the national information
22 technology sector in weathering downturns and
23 challenges; and

24 WHEREAS, a thriving technology sector relies on a
25 skilled and productive workforce, and the availability
26 of human capital will be a key factor in the success
27 of the industry; and

28 WHEREAS, future demand for computer specialists and
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1 engineers in Iowa will far outstrip supply, and
2 production will move where these professionals are
3 located; and

4 WHEREAS, interest among students in becoming
5 scientists or engineers has steadily declined, and the
6 proportion of college students earning science and
7 engineering degrees in the United States is lower than
8 in almost all of its major trading partners; and

9 WHEREAS, Iowa's middle and high school students
10 will comprise the bulk of the future workforce and
11 must be highly educated in the areas of science and
12 technology, and aware of career opportunities in those
13 areas; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the House of Representatives declares Friday, May
16 19, 2006, as Technology and Science Day in Iowa and
17 urges all schools, educators, and guidance counselors
18 to use this day to offer a competition, activity, or
19 initiative to build student awareness and interest in
20 science and technology and in the varied careers these
21 fields offer students who will be tomorrow's workforce
22 leaders.

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