



Resolution

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the Union Carbide Tech Center, now called the South Charleston Technology Park, was arguably the top research center in the chemical industry, issuing thousands of patents which resulted in globally distributed products worth billions of dollars;

WHEREAS, the UC Tech Center once employed more than 2,600, included many scientists and engineers with advanced degrees as well as a large support staff of highly skilled technicians and operators, with a mid-1990's average pay of more than \$75,000 which was significantly higher than average in the state and contributed greatly to the region's economy;

WHEREAS, West Virginia is in need to both diversify its economy and expand on its leadership position in energy, chemicals and related technologies;

WHEREAS, in his recent State of the Union address, President Obama pledged his support for "continued investments in clean coal technologies," announcing the creation of a special task force to explore carbon capture and storage just last week when Governor Manchin, and other governors from other major coal producing states met with the President;

WHEREAS, the South Charleston Technology Park has more than \$200 million in existing infrastructure to rapidly move scientific discovery into the marketplace to solve environmental issues, increase our technical leadership in clean coal, natural gas and renewable energy, and create new manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, the South Charleston Technology Park can be an economic engine for the local economy much like the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, which has created more than 43,000 high-quality jobs and attracted over 150 new companies to their region;

BE IT RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010, that the undersigned parties call on both the public and private leaders of the State of West Virginia and all local jurisdictions to put in place all plans, resources and finances necessary to seize the once in a lifetime opportunity for the people of West Virginia to have a world-class research, development and commercialization campus at the South Charleston Technology Park.

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