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A BILL

TO APPROPRIATE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5000.00) TO THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR COMPUTATION AND TECHNOLOGY (CCT) TO HELP SUPPORT THE SUMMER 2008 BEOWULF BOOT CAMP (BWBC) FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, the BWBC is an initiative by CCT intended to foster interest in the field of High Performance Computing (HPC) in Louisiana high school students, and affords these students an early exposure to the cutting edge field of HPC, which they would otherwise be unable to receive, and;

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, the BWBC is currently in its second year of a developmental phase, where the program hosts local Baton Rouge area high schools, and from which will emerge a broadening program where students from around the state are encouraged to participate, and;

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, Beowulf clusters constitute the majority of the Top 500 supercomputers in the world, and the inventor of the Beowulf Cluster is a professor in the employ of CCT, Dr. Thomas Sterling, who will be the primary host of the event, and;

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, the BWBC will inspire local students in the field of HPC, and will demonstrate that LSU is prepared to nurture a general interest in technology within its students, and demonstrate LSU’s excellence as a choice of university, and;

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, the first BWBC in summer 2007 has already proven worthwhile, as evident from letters of feedback from the attendees and their teachers, and as demonstrated by the enrollment at LSU of a student who would otherwise not be here, and;

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, the funding will be used to purchase computer systems for use at the BWBC, which will be donated to participating high schools after the event concludes, and;

PARAGRAPH 7: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND ($5000.00) DOLLARS BE ALLOCATED FROM THE INITIATIVES ACCOUNT TO THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR COMPUTATION AND TECHNOLOGY TO HELP SUPPORT THE COSTS OF THE SUMMER 2008 BEOWULF BOOT CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

PARAGRAPH 8: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.
APPROVED:

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COLORADO ROBERTSON, SPEAKER MARY C ALSFELD, PRESIDENT

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