

SR-223, As Adopted by Senate, September 25, 2008

Senators Garcia, George, Kuipers, Pappageorge, Brown, Stamas, Barcia, Allen, Kahn and Van Woerkom offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 223.

A resolution recognizing the achievements of Dr. Stephen Thaler and his Michigan-based company Imagitron for piercing the veil of technology and determining Michigan will be home for his legacies.

Whereas, Stephen Thaler set the record for most awards received at the International Science Fair in 1968 in Detroit, Michigan. His first-place work in crystallography was received from the Air Force Research Laboratory, the U.S. Navy, the American Metallurgical Society, and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; and

Whereas, Dr. Stephen Thaler received second prize from the U.S. Army. Through these technical accomplishments, Dr. Thaler secured a position with Hughes Aircraft Laser Division in Malibu, California, as a summer intern at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); and

Whereas, In 1975, Dr. Thaler developed some of the first artificial neural networks capable of contemplation and idea generation; and

Whereas, In 1981, after earning a PhD. in physics, Dr. Thaler worked for McDonnell Douglas Astronautics as a senior engineer, was promoted to principal technician for space, and developed low observable stealth technology. In 1991, while working for McDonnell Aircraft, Dr. Thaler developed a process that allowed conversion of carbon in tools to potentially create diamond-based electronics for drill bits and lathe inserts, creating a process to increase the hardness for tools; and

Whereas, In 1994, Dr. Thaler formed Imagination Engines, Incorporated. The primary purpose was to harness the power of what NASA was calling artificial intelligence's best bet at creating human-to-transhuman level intelligence in machines for the only route for computer-based machines to produce beyond their capabilities; and

Whereas, After accomplishing over 60 patents, many classified by the Department of Defense, Dr. Thaler returned to Michigan and created Imagitron, a platform company whose sole purpose is to generate companies based on Imagination Engines' unparalleled patented neural network technologies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the accomplishments of Dr. Thaler and his patented technologies will advance economic development in Michigan through Imagitron and advance the creation and resurgence in Michigan's job force as a leader in technology; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Stephen Thaler with our highest esteem.