



Press Release

Thursday, August 2, 2007
For Immediate Release
www.sura.org

For more information contact:
Greg D. Kubiak
Director of Relations and Communications
202-408-7872 * kubiak@sura.org

Statement on the “America Competes Act” Jerry P. Draayer, SURA President & CEO

I applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for their strong, bipartisan vote to approve the conference report on H.R. 2272, the America Competes Act.

In order for America to reaffirm its leadership in innovation and competitiveness for the future, investing in our intellectual capital is of critical importance.

I strongly urge the U.S. Senate to pass this legislation and the President to sign it into law without delay. Our strategic and economic progress cannot be assured unless we are willing to pay the price to be number one in science and technology.

###

The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) is a consortium of over 60 leading research institutions in the southern United States and the District of Columbia established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, and with government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering. For more information, visit www.sura.org.