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1 **Relating to:** commending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and James
2 Thomson.

3 Whereas, researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under the
4 leadership of Professor James Thomson were the first to develop the technology for
5 isolating and maintaining human stem cells; and

6 Whereas, isolating and maintaining human stem cells is a necessary step in the
7 ability to conduct ongoing research into the science of cell differentiation and growth;
8 and

9 Whereas, human stem cell research holds promise for the development of
10 therapies to treat chronic diseases such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes, and
11 neurological damage; and

12 Whereas, research into potential therapies that may be derived from stem cells
13 has been hampered by the presence of nonhuman material used in the nutrient
14 medium to maintain stem cells in a primordial state; and

