
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: designating November as a month recognizing women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in Wisconsin.

Whereas, establishing formal recognition of a group's contributions to the advancement of a society toward its noble goals and aspirations shows gratitude for the efforts and sacrifices of that group's members; sometimes, as in this case, gratitude which is long overdue; and

Whereas, formal recognition of the contributions of that group and its members communicates to the public and, in particular, to the younger generation, the value and esteem in which the community holds those individuals and the goals toward which they strive; and

Whereas, formally recognizing the contributions of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, provides a powerful impression on both young men and young women insofar as the heroes and role models we raise up in the eyes of our children will help to shape their attitudes and efforts, and, thereby, the future of science and society; and

Whereas, formally recognizing the significant roles and contributions of women in the STEM fields will positively impact those futures by increasing the number of young women entering and succeeding in the fields of science, engineering, computer science, mathematics, and many related disciplines; and

Whereas, in spite of the increasing demand and importance of strong college graduates prepared to contribute to careers in the STEM fields, the percentage of degrees and certificates conferred in STEM fields to women continues to underrepresent the population of talented, capable female students; and

Whereas, November includes the birthday of Marie Curie, the first woman to be awarded a Nobel prize in science, one of few people to be awarded two Nobel prizes, and the mother of a daughter who also was awarded a Nobel prize in science; and

Whereas, November falls within the academic year, providing opportunities for teachers and students to engage and celebrate Women in STEM Month through various activities; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has an opportunity to serve as a model for other states in this, helping to create a stronger, brighter tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature henceforth recognize November as Women in STEM Month, raising awareness of the opportunities for, and contributions of, women in STEM-related fields.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Date

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