



## H.Res. 1180 – Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1180 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Reichert (R-WA) on May 7, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1180 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 4, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1180 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the important contributions of women and mothers to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and the health of many industries that have created new jobs, boosted economic growth, and improved the Nation's competitiveness and standard of living;
- Recognizes the need to increase the number of women participating in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;
- Supports the role of women and mothers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to use this Mother's Day to give appropriate recognition not only to our mothers but also to women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have made important contributions to our everyday lives.

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### BACKGROUND

Women in the United States and worldwide have made significant contributions to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. For example, Barbara McClintock won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1983 for her discovery of mobile genetic elements. In 1977, nuclear physicist Rosalyn Sussman Yalow won the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her work with peptide hormones. In 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States, graduating at the top of her class from Geneva College.

Today, a disproportionately low number of female students pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, relative to their male peers.

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that XXXXXXXX.

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