



H.RES. 1313 – CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE, DR. SALLY K. RIDE, AND HONORING HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPACE PROGRAM AND TO SCIENCE EDUCATION

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1313 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 Nick Lampson (D-TX) on June 26, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1313 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1313 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Celebrates the 25th anniversary of Dr. Sally K. Ride as the first American woman in space; and
- Extends its appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Ride's excellence in service to the Nation as an astronaut, educator, and advocate for the next generation of women scientists and engineers.

BACKGROUND

On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally K. Ride became the first American woman to enter space when she traveled on the Space Shuttle Challenger with the STS-7 crew. Her mission launched two communications satellites from Challenger, and also completed the first release and capture of a satellite using the Space Shuttle Challenger's robotic arm.

Dr. Sally Ride, a native of Los Angeles, California, holds a Ph.D. in physics from Stanford University. Dr. Ride joined NASA in 1978 and retired from the agency in 1987 after completing two space flights and founding NASA's Office of Exploration. Dr. Ride has since authored several children's books on outer space and is currently working to create science publications and programs for children, with a focus on female students. Dr. Sally Ride has received several honors, including being inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

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