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H. R. 1527

To provide funding for the academic programs of the National Aeronautics
and Space Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. BROWN of California (for himself, Mr. GORDON, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WU, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. BARCIA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

To provide funding for the academic programs of the
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Aeronautics
5 and Space Administration Academic Opportunities Act for
6 Fiscal Years 2000, 2001, and 2002”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Education in mathematics and science is
2 critically important preparation for the workplace of
3 the 21st century.

4 (2) A citizenry proficient in mathematics and
5 science is required if the United States is to remain
6 economically competitive in the world marketplace of
7 the future.

8 (3) Proficiency in mathematics and science is
9 necessary for our citizens to fully participate as in-
10 formed members of a democratic society.

11 (4) The academic programs of the National
12 Aeronautics and Space Administration provide an ef-
13 fective means of advancing education in mathematics
14 and science.

15 (5) The National Space Grant College and Fel-
16 lowship program, managed by the National Aero-
17 nautics and Space Administration, is an important
18 and cost-effective way to help prepare students for
19 the workplace of the future.

20 (6) The National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
21 ministration's programs in support of historically
22 black colleges and universities, as well as in support
23 of other minority universities, including Hispanic-
24 serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities,
25 and organizations serving substantial numbers of

1 people with disabilities, have proven to be vital com-
2 ponents of the Nation's initiatives to improve edu-
3 cation in mathematics and science.

4 (7) There is a need to expand the academic
5 programs of the National Aeronautics and Space
6 Administration to increase and broaden activities at
7 the Nation's 2-year and community colleges.

8 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Na-
10 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration for academic
11 programs—

12 (1) \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, of
13 which—

14 (A) \$30,000,000 shall be for the National
15 Space Grant College and Fellowship program;
16 and

17 (B) \$70,000,000 shall be for minority uni-
18 versity research and education at institutions
19 such as Hispanic-serving institutions (as that
20 term is defined in section 316(b)(1) of the
21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1059c(b)(1))) and tribally controlled community
23 colleges (as that term is defined in section
24 2(a)(4) of the Tribally Controlled Community
25 College Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C.

1 1801(a)(4))), including \$38,000,000 for histori-
2 cally black colleges and universities;

3 (2) \$168,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, of
4 which—

5 (A) \$33,000,000 shall be for the National
6 Space Grant College and Fellowship program;
7 and

8 (B) \$73,000,000 shall be for minority uni-
9 versity research and education at institutions
10 such as Hispanic-serving institutions (as that
11 term is defined in section 316(b)(1) of the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
13 1059c(b)(1))) and tribally controlled community
14 colleges (as that term is defined in section
15 2(a)(4) of the Tribally Controlled Community
16 College Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C.
17 1801(a)(4))), including \$40,000,000 for histori-
18 cally black colleges and universities; and

19 (3) \$178,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, of
20 which—

21 (A) \$36,000,000 shall be for the National
22 Space Grant College and Fellowship program;
23 and

24 (B) \$77,000,000 shall be for minority uni-
25 versity research and education at institutions

1 such as Hispanic-serving institutions (as that
2 term is defined in section 316(b)(1) of the
3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1059c(b)(1))) and tribally controlled community
5 colleges (as that term is defined in section
6 2(a)(4) of the Tribally Controlled Community
7 College Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C.
8 1801(a)(4))), including \$43,000,000 for histori-
9 cally black colleges and universities.

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