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H. CON. RES. 279

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such Program.

Whereas Congress hosted the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) first Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows 30 years ago in 1973;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program was the first to provide an opportunity for Ph.D.-level scientists and engineers to learn about the policymaking process while bolstering the technical expertise available to Members of Congress and staff;

Whereas Members of Congress hold the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program in high regard for the substantial contributions that Fellows have made, serving both in personal offices and on committee staff;

Whereas the Congress is increasingly involved in public policy issues of a scientific and technical nature and recognizes the need to develop additional in-house expertise in the areas of science and engineering;

Whereas more than 800 individuals have held AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowships since 1973;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows represent the full range of physical, biological, and social sciences, and all fields of engineering;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows bring to the Congress new insights and ideas, extensive knowledge, and perspectives from a variety of disciplines;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows learn about legislative, oversight, and investigative activities through assignments that offer a wide array of responsibilities;

Whereas AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowships provide an opportunity for scientists and engineers to transition into careers in government service; and

Whereas many former AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows return to their disciplines and share knowledge with students and peers to encourage more

scientists and engineers to participate in informing government processes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the significance of the anniversary
4 of the American Association for the Advancement
5 of Science Congressional Science and Engineering
6 Fellowship Program;

7 (2) acknowledges the value of 30 years of participation
8 by the American Association for the Advancement
9 of Science Congressional Science and Engineering
10 Fellows; and

11 (3) reaffirms its commitment to support the use
12 of science in governmental decisionmaking through
13 the American Association for the Advancement of
14 Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship
15 Program.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28, 2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.