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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority.

Whereas the economic competitiveness of the Nation depends on strong science, mathematics, and technology capabilities throughout the workforce;

Whereas the need for improvement in education is acute in the areas of science, mathematics, and technology;

Whereas our national competitiveness strategy must include the goals of—

- (1) ensuring that all young persons achieve a level of technological literacy adequate to prepare them for the demands of a scientific and technologically oriented society; and
- (2) fulfilling the need for a deep pool of talented American leaders in science and technological research and development;

Whereas numerous research reports indicate the Nation is not achieving these goals;

Whereas the most recent United States National Assessment of Educational Progress reveals that a majority of those 17 years of age are poorly equipped for informed citizenship and productive performance in the workplace;

Whereas by 2016, 35.4 percent of our workforce will be comprised of minority workers, and 46.6 percent will be women; and

Whereas women and minorities continue to be underserved by and underrepresented in science and mathematics: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*
- 3            (1) this Nation should dedicate its resources to
- 4            the development of a broad pool of citizens who are
- 5            functionally literate in science, mathematics, and
- 6            technology;
- 7            (2) a national science education policy in the
- 8            coming decade should address the crucial need areas
- 9            of—

6 (B) actively involving National Science  
7 Foundation involvement in curriculum develop-  
8 ment with strong emphasis on reinforcing  
9 science and mathematics concepts at each grade  
10 level; and

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER.

### *Clerk.*