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**ACR-19 Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.** (2025-2026)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19**

**CHAPTER 19**

Relative to Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

[ Filed with Secretary of State March 18, 2025. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 19, Macedo. Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

This measure would commemorate February 20, 2025, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, February 20, 2025, is recognized nationally and internationally as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day; and

WHEREAS, Women have historically made invaluable contributions to the diverse fields of engineering, yet remain underrepresented in both educational pathways and the professional workforce; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, only about 3 percent of recorded engineers were women; and

WHEREAS, By 2023, women made up approximately 30 percent of those employed in science and engineering fields; and

WHEREAS, Women currently earn about 22 percent of bachelor's degrees, 31 percent of master's degrees, and nearly 26 percent of doctoral degrees in engineering; and

WHEREAS, Women hold about 15 percent of all engineering jobs, reflecting ongoing challenges in achieving gender parity in the field; and

WHEREAS, According to recent studies, 1 in 25 boys, but fewer than 1 in 150 girls, report a high interest in pursuing careers in information and computer technologies; and

WHEREAS, According to recent studies, women hold 13.7 percent globally of engineering jobs while men hold 86.3 percent of engineering jobs; and

WHEREAS, Numerous organizations and programs across the United States are dedicated to bridging the gender gap in engineering by actively encouraging young women and girls to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, which have been traditionally male-dominated; and

WHEREAS, STEM industries play a critical role in maintaining California's status as the fifth-largest economy globally, with engineering at the forefront of innovation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That February 20, 2025, is hereby commemorated by the Legislature as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.