

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 107

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Congress hosted the first American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows 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 their staff;

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

Whereas 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 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 Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the significance of the 30th anni-
4 versary of the American Association for the Ad-
5 vancement of Science Congressional Science and En-
6 gineering Fellowship Program;

7 (2) acknowledges the value of over 30 years of
8 participation in the legislative process by the AAAS
9 Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows; and

1 (3) reaffirms its commitment to support the use
2 of science in governmental decisionmaking through
3 the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering
4 Fellowship Program.

Passed the Senate May 12, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Recognizing the significance of the 30th anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such program.