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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 251]

To designate the week of May 11, 1986, through May 17, 1986, as "National Science Week, 1986".

Whereas science and technology are considered to be critical in the long-term economic development and international competitiveness of the Nation;

Whereas the rate of scientific discovery and the application of high technologies have an immediate and profound impact on the quality of life;

Whereas the scientific and technological leadership of the Nation continues to be challenged on an increasing basis from members of the international community;

Whereas it is vital to build and maintain a highly dedicated and motivated workforce with scientific and technological skills;

Whereas it is important that scientific research be made more interesting and accessible to youth as a potential career option;

Whereas in order to take advantage of the opportunities and meet the challenges, the Nation must provide all citizens, particularly young people, with a quality educational experience in science and technology;

Whereas it is in the national interest to stimulate and encourage the most talented and promising students to pursue careers in science and technology; and

Whereas schools, universities, museums, the media, and professional, educational, and voluntary organizations, together with industry, labor, government, and private citizens, should be encouraged to work cooperatively to develop programs, events, and materials that will contribute to an increased public awareness of the importance of science and technology to the well-being and long-term prosperity of the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of May 11, 1986, through May 17, 1986, is designated as "National Science Week, 1986" and the President is authorized and requested to issue

a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week, with appropriate conferences, programs, ceremonies, and activities, including programs designed to further the awareness of all citizens, particularly the youth of the Nation, of the importance of science and technology.

Approved May 20, 1986.

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