

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 133 (Johnson) – As Introduced February 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

SUMMARY: Commemorates February 26, 2026, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) February 26, 2026, is recognized nationally and internationally as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, a signature event of Engineers Week dedicated to encouraging girls to explore careers in engineering and technology.
- 2) Women have historically made invaluable contributions to the diverse fields of engineering, yet remain underrepresented in both engineering education pathways and the professional engineering workforce.
- 3) According to the National Science Foundation’s National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, women accounted for approximately 35 percent of the overall science and engineering workforce in the United States by 2023, reflecting progress across science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields while underscoring persistent gaps in engineering specifically.
- 4) Research shows that girls often begin to lose interest in engineering and technology fields during middle school due to limited exposure, persistent stereotypes, and lack of role models, emphasizing the importance of early, hands-on engagement opportunities.
- 5) Numerous organizations and programs across the United States are dedicated to closing the gender gap in engineering by actively encouraging young women and girls to explore STEM fields that have been historically male dominated.
- 6) STEM industries play a critical role in maintaining California’s status as one of the world’s largest economies, with engineering at the forefront of innovation, infrastructure, sustainability, and public safety.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

Opposition

None on file

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