

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING  
ACR 133 (Johnson)  
As Introduced February 11, 2026  
Majority vote

## SUMMARY

Commemorates February 26, 2026, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

### Major Provisions

- 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% 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.

## COMMENTS

### According to the Author

I am proud to author ACR 133, which recognizes February 26, 2026, as "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day." This day offers an important opportunity to spotlight the lack of gender parity in engineering and encourage girls to take an active interest in engineering and technology fields.

### Arguments in Support

The California State Association of Counties writes in support: "Counties recognize the need for a workforce that is inclusive of all people, especially women. Counties rely on engineers to provide vital services, such as roads, water infrastructure, hospitals, county buildings, flood control structures and other critical infrastructure that provides critical services to the public.

Counties recognize the critical contributions of women in engineering and the need for state and local government to continue their commitment to support efforts to introduce more young women to careers in engineering.

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**VOTES**

**ASM RULES: 7-0-3**

**YES:** Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Dixon, Garcia, Sanchez

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