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Joint Resolution

To designate the week of April 14, 1986 through April 20, 1986 as "National Mathematics Awareness Week".

Apr. 17, 1986

[S.J. Res. 261]

Whereas mathematics is vital to the economic security and defense of the United States;

Whereas enrollment in mathematics programs at all levels is declining;

Whereas in 1984, only 55 percent of doctoral graduates in mathematics from institutions in the United States were United States citizens;

Whereas medical science, space science, computer science, business, defense, and government have increasing need of the technological innovations brought about in recent years by the application of mathematics to such areas; and

Whereas the National Research Council in a report on the current state of mathematics expresses the need for citizens to be aware of the vital role that mathematics plays in daily lives: 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 April 14, 1986 through April 20, 1986 is designated as "National Mathematics Awareness Week" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and all Federal, State, and local government agencies to observe such week with appropriate programs and activities.

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