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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

January 19, 2016 – Introduced by Senators Shilling, Harsdorf, C. Larson, Harris Dodd, Cowles, Hansen, Ringhand, Vinehout, Wirch, Darling and Bewley, cosponsored by Representatives Johnson, Kerkman, Kolste, Sargent, Billings, Ballweg, Milroy, Czaja, Mason, Kleefisch, Hesselbein, Rohrkaste, Danou, Loudenbeck, Barnes, Duchow, Goyke, Allen, C. Taylor, Young, Subeck, Sinicki, Quinn, Zepnick, Neylon, Bernier, Zamarripa, Hebl, Petryk, Ohnstad, Stuck, Brostoff, Considine, Berceau, Knodl, Kahl, VanderMeer, Pope, Tranel and Spreitzer. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: designating November as a month recognizing women in the fields of
2	science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, establishing formal recognition of a group's contributions to the
4	advancement of a society toward its noble goals and aspirations shows gratitude for
5	the efforts and sacrifices of that group's members; sometimes, as in this case,
6	gratitude which is long overdue; and
7	Whereas, formal recognition of the contributions of that group and its members
8	communicates to the public and, in particular, to the younger generation, the value
9	and esteem in which the community holds those individuals and the goals toward
10	which they strive; and
11	Whereas, formally recognizing the contributions of women in the fields of
12	science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, provides a powerful
13	impression on both young men and young women insofar as the heroes and role
14	models we raise up in the eyes of our children will help to shape their attitudes and
15	efforts, and, thereby, the future of science and society; and

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1	Whereas, formally recognizing the significant roles and contributions of women
2	in the STEM fields will positively impact those futures by increasing the number of
3	young women entering and succeeding in the fields of science, engineering, computer
4	science, mathematics, and many related disciplines; and
5	Whereas, in spite of the increasing demand and importance of strong college
6	graduates prepared to contribute to careers in the STEM fields, the percentage of
7	degrees and certificates conferred in STEM fields to women continues to
8	underrepresent the population of talented, capable female students; and
9	Whereas, November includes the birthday of Marie Curie, the first woman to
10	be awarded a Nobel prize in science, one of few people to be awarded two Nobel prizes,
11	and the mother of a daughter who also was awarded a Nobel prize in science; and
12	Whereas, November falls within the academic year, providing opportunities for
13	teachers and students to engage and celebrate Women in STEM Month through
14	various activities; and
15	Whereas, Wisconsin has an opportunity to serve as a model for other states in
16	this, helping to create a stronger, brighter tomorrow; now, therefore, be it
17	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
18	legislature henceforth recognize November as Women in STEM Month, raising
19	awareness of the opportunities for, and contributions of, women in STEM-related
20	fields.
21	(END)