

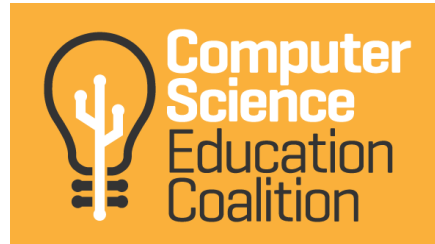
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**COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION COALITION COMMENDS U.S. HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PASSING THE 100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN
CONGRESS ACT**

*The U.S. House of Representatives Passed H.R. 4570 on the U.S. House of Representatives Floor
Today*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Computer Science Education Coalition commends the U.S. House of Representatives for passing H.R. 4570, the 100 Years of Women in Congress Act. The legislation aims to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities in rural areas by making STEM grants available to them. It's critical to ensure that all people have access to STEM careers. The statistics for diversity in computer science are jarring. According to Code.org, only 26 percent of computer scientists are female, and underrepresented minorities are a mere 14 percent. It's clear that action must be taken on this issue, and while that action must include K-12 computer science education, making more STEM grants available to women and underrepresented minorities is a step in the right direction to fill the one million computing jobs that the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts will go unfilled by 2024. Those unfilled jobs threaten America's economy and role as a global innovation leader.

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