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### A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the development of the  
2 world's first all-electronic computing device.

3 WHEREAS, An engineering research team at the Moore School of  
4 Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania began  
5 working in the Spring of 1943 on an electronic computing device;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Two and one-half years later, on February 14, 1946,  
8 ENIAC, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, the  
9 world's first all-electronic, large scale, general purpose  
10 digital computer was unveiled in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, ENIAC was the largest electronic machine in the  
12 world and it could perform computations 1,000 times faster than  
13 any other machine then in existence; and

14 WHEREAS, A new epoch in the history of human thought dawned  
15 with the development of ENIAC; and

1       WHEREAS, ENIAC's first assignment--a nuclear physics problem  
2   that would have required an estimated 100 men and women working  
3   for one year to solve--was accomplished in two hours; and

4       WHEREAS, In 1984 ENIAC's role in the history of technology  
5   was recognized by the National Society of Professional  
6   Engineers, which named it one of the ten most outstanding  
7   engineering developments of the past half century; and

8       WHEREAS, A celebration commemorating the 40th Anniversary of  
9   ENIAC is scheduled to be held by the University of Pennsylvania  
10  in October 1986; therefore be it

11      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with the  
12  University of Pennsylvania in commemorating the 40th Anniversary  
13  of ENIAC.