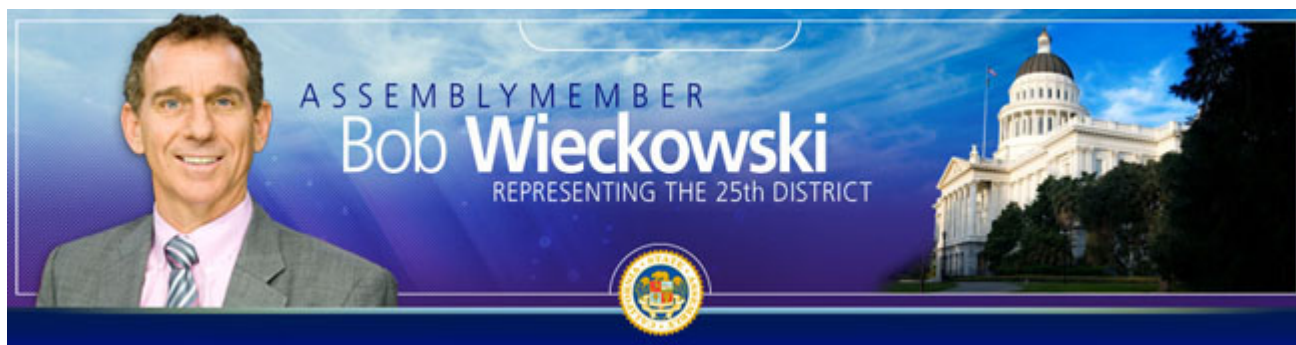




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WIECKOWSKI RESOLUTION PROCLAIMS APRIL MATHEMATICS AWARENESS MONTH

*Former president of the American Mathematical Society
Dr. Ronald Graham is one of the guests to be introduced on Assembly floor.*

Sacramento – As the state with some of the nation’s leading technological pioneers, the California State Assembly is expected to approve a resolution Monday authored by Assembly member Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) and sponsored by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, proclaiming April as Mathematics Awareness Month.

A short reception in the Willie Brown Room, co-hosted by Wieckowski and Assembly member Cristina Garcia, a math enthusiast, will immediately follow the floor session. Dr. Ronald Graham, one of America’s foremost mathematicians and a past president of both the American Mathematical Society and the International Jugglers Association will be in attendance.

“By shining a spotlight on Mathematics Awareness Month we are supporting the increased awareness and importance of mathematics in our society,” Wieckowski said. “We are also advocating for more outreach and recruitment of girls and women into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields.”

Mathematics Awareness Month grew out of a proclamation in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan issued a National Awareness Week.

A 2011 study by the U.S. Department of Commerce noted that although women fill close to half the jobs in the U.S. economy, they make up only 24 percent of the STEM workforce.

Dr. Graham is the chief scientist at the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology. He is in the Guinness Book of Records for creating the largest number ever used in a mathematical proof. He is the Irwin and Joan Jacobs Professor at the University

of California, San Diego's Department of Computer Science and Engineering. He's also received the Steele Prize for Lifetime Achievement.

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