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## September 08, 2004- Amendment For Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA)

### Sanchez Offers Amendment to Return Funding For Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA)

Today, Congresswoman Sanchez joined Reps. Maloney and Woolsey to offer an amendment to the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill for educational equity for girls and women by refunding the Women's Educational Equity Act at last year's level of \$3 million. In its current form, HR 5006 zeroes out funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act, a bill that was established by Rep. Patsy Mink in 1974 and was reauthorized as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. WEEA was enacted to promote educational equity for girls and women and to provide funds to help educate agencies and institutions meet the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

On December 13, 2001, the House of Representatives voted 381 - 41 in support of the No Child Left Behind Act. Included in this law are findings and an authorization for the Women's Educational Equity Act. They include: \*more curricula, training, and other educational materials are available for national dissemination concerning educational equity for women and girls;

\*equitable teaching and learning practices on issues such as: (A) sexual harassment in schools or the workplace; (B) female role models in classroom textbooks and other educational materials; (C) promoting mathematics and science programs for girls ; (D) decreasing drop-out rate for pregnant and parenting teenagers; and \*equal access to quality education programs for all women and girls;