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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Miss COLLINS of Michigan (for herself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FAZIO, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. E.B. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. STOKES, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. WASHINGTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. CLAYTON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WATT, Mr. WYNN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MINK, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Unremunerated Work  
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds the following:

8            (1) Women perform  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the work in the world  
9 relating to the production of goods and services.

10           (2) The United Nations General Assembly in  
11 1985 adopted a resolution which included part of the  
12 Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of  
13 Women, which states that “the remunerated and, in  
14 particular, the unremunerated contributions of  
15 women to all aspects and sectors of development  
16 should be recognized, and appropriate efforts should  
17 be made to measure and reflect these contributions  
18 in national accounts and economic statistics and in  
19 the gross national product”.

20           (3) The resolution also states that “concrete  
21 steps should be taken to quantify the unremunerated  
22 contribution of women to agriculture, food produc-  
23 tion, reproduction, and household activities”.

1           (4) The unremunerated contribution by women  
2           to the economy of the United States should be  
3           recognized.

4 **SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF MONETARY VALUE OF**  
5 **UNREMUNERATED WORK.**

6           (a) TIME USE SURVEYS OF UNREMUNERATED  
7 WORK.—The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Sta-  
8 tistics shall periodically conduct time use surveys of  
9 unremunerated work performed in the United States, in-  
10 cluding household work, work related to child care and  
11 other care services, agricultural work, work related to food  
12 production, work related to family businesses, and volun-  
13 teer work.

14           (b) MONETARY VALUE OF UNREMUNERATED  
15 WORK.—On the basis of the time use surveys of  
16 unremunerated work conducted under subsection (a), the  
17 Commissioner shall calculate the monetary value of such  
18 unremunerated work. Separate monetary values shall be  
19 calculated for men and women.

20           (c) INCLUSION IN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.—Be-  
21 ginning three years after the date of the enactment of this  
22 Act, the monetary value of the unremunerated work cal-  
23 culated pursuant to subsection (b) shall be included in sta-  
24 tistics used to determine the annual gross national product  
25 of the United States.

1       (d) METHOD OF CALCULATION.—Not later than 90  
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
3 missioner shall submit a report to the Congress describing  
4 the method by which the Commissioner will conduct time  
5 use surveys of unremunerated work performed in the  
6 United States and calculate the monetary value of such  
7 unremunerated work.

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