

WHEREAS,

The Arkansas State Board of Education believes that every student in Arkansas deserves a premier computer science and computing education that is suitable for his or her needs and can support his or her college and/or career aspirations; and

WHEREAS,

The Arkansas State Board of Education supports the State in its efforts to remain a national leader in computer technology careers through the implementation of a vertically articulated and comprehensive computer science and computing education initiative designed to support appropriate technological growth in all Arkansas students; and

WHEREAS,

The Arkansas State Board of Education believes that Arkansas must provide its students with an education that will facilitate the advance of useful technological skills and promote their role as digital natives; and

WHEREAS,

Raye Montague, an Arkansas native who was a national pioneer for women and women of color in engineering and computer sciences, created the first design of a U.S. Naval ship using a computer;

WHEREAS,

Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; and

WHEREAS,

The week of December 9 -15, 2024, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday on December 9th, is nationally designated as 'Computer Science Education Week';

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We, the members of the Arkansas State Board of Education, in honor of both Dr. Grace Hopper and Dr. Raye Montague, recognize the week of December 9 through 15, 2024, as Arkansas Computer Science Education Week.

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Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair

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Date

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Jacob Oliva, Ex Officio Secretary

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