

***Arkansas State Board of Education***  
***Resolution***

WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Education believes that every student in Arkansas deserves a premier computer science and computing education that supports college and 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 computer science and computing education initiative; and

WHEREAS, The field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address, including attracting more participation by females and underrepresented minorities to all levels and branches;

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 that laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; and

WHEREAS, The week of December 6-12, 2021, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday on December 9, 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 6-12, 2021, as Arkansas Computer Science Education Week.

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Ouida Newton, Chair

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Johnny Key, Ex Officio Secretary

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