

REPRESENTATIVES HEARD - HARRIS - GARLAND - WEDDINGTON

*Recognizing National Computer Science Education Week.*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the first week of December 2009 as National Computer Science Education Week; and*

*WHEREAS, Computing technology has become an integral part of culture and is changing the way people interact with each other and the world around them. Computer science is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science, and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors. In addition, it underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which contributes significantly to the United States' economic output and which is uniquely positioned to help with economic recovery through research and development; and*

*WHEREAS, Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first women in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many subsequent advancements. In honor of her birthday, the United States Congress has designated the week of December 7, 2009, as National Computer Science Education Week; and*

*WHEREAS, National Computer Science Education Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the public about the crucial role computer science plays in improving our society and how it enables innovation in all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines and creates economic opportunities. All students deserve a thorough STEM education, including access to the qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels, for it exposes them to rich opportunities in the field and provides them with critical thinking skills that will benefit them throughout their lives; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize National Computer Science Education Week; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.*