

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Support Computer Science Education Week

Dear Colleague,

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that in the year 2022, there will be roughly 10 million jobs in STEM fields. Of those jobs, half are expected to be in computing and information technology. That's nearly five million good-paying jobs waiting for those who choose to study computer science.

Yet despite these opportunities, there is a substantial shortage of individuals with the skills needed to fill computing jobs. The more students we can expose to computer science, the quicker we can engage students and provide them access to 21st century jobs that will benefit our nation's workforce.

The week of December 7th was first designated as National Computer Science Education Week in 2009 to coincide with the birthday of Grace Murray Hopper. 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 generations of advancements in computer science. Today, Computer Science Education Week provides a unique opportunity to connect students with opportunities in computer science.

Please join us in introducing a resolution expressing support for the sixth annual "Computer Science Education Week" to encourage schools, parents and policymakers to support computer science education and participation in the Hour of Code. As the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Women's High Tech Caucus, we hope you will consider joining us in supporting the important national movement in computer science education.

For more information or to become a cosponsor of this legislation, please contact Reagan Payne with Rep. Susan Brooks at Reagan.Payne@mail.house.gov or Casey Katims with Rep. DelBene at Casey.Katims@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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