HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Reps. Carra, Borton, Posthumus, Eisen, Martin, Beeler, Fink, Outman, Marino, Reilly, Steven Johnson and Meerman offered the following resolution:

A resolution to support the Senate's disapproval of gubernatorial appointments and encourage the Senate to continue to reject appointments by the Governor to state boards, commissions, and agencies so long as the executive branch continues to operate unilaterally without the participation of the Legislature.

Whereas, In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have taken unilateral action to shut down the economy. These unilateral actions, which have affected every Michigander, have forced businesses to close, workers to lose their jobs, and children to be out of school and sports; and
Whereas, The Legislature has not been given a reasonable opportunity to have input into major portions of the state's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The elected members of the Legislature are the voices of their constituents in the Capitol. By denying the Legislature a voice in the process, the Governor and MDHHS have denied the people of Michigan their voice; and

Whereas, The Senate has been compelled to demonstrate the Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of state government and use the tools given to it by the state constitution and statute to reject appointments by the Governor to state boards, commissions, and agencies. The authority to advise and consent on gubernatorial appointments is an important check on the power of the executive branch; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support the Senate's disapproval of gubernatorial appointments and encourage the Senate to continue to use its authority to reject appointments by the Governor to state boards, commissions, and agencies so long as the Governor, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and other state departments continue to operate unilaterally without the participation of the Legislature in restricting the Michigan economy, sporting events, and other aspects of life in our state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Senate, Governor, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.