

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

Reps. Cherry, Sneller, Stone, Sowerby, Neeley and Hammoud offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to reaffirm that the University of Michigan  
2 includes the satellite campuses of Dearborn and Flint, and the  
3 Board of Regents has an obligation under the Michigan Constitution  
4 to provide students at each campus with equitable resources and  
5 opportunities.

6           Whereas, Article VIII, Section 4 of the *Constitution of the*  
7 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides that the Legislature must  
8 appropriate funding to maintain public universities, including the  
9 University of Michigan. The state constitution also establishes a  
10 Board of Regents that is responsible for supervising University of  
11 Michigan institutions and controlling expenditures; and

12           Whereas, The University of Michigan consists of three separate

1 campuses: Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint. While each campus has its  
2 own history and has received separate state funding in the past,  
3 all three campuses form the University of Michigan system and are  
4 controlled and supervised by the same Board of Regents under the  
5 state constitution; and

6       Whereas, While the Board of Regents claims to have the same  
7 obligations, responsibilities, and missions at each institution,  
8 students attending the Flint and Dearborn campuses experience  
9 profound inequity compared to students at the Ann Arbor campus.  
10 Disparities in funding have led to infrastructure issues at  
11 Dearborn and Flint facilities and a lack of medical and legal  
12 services that are currently available for students attending the  
13 Ann Arbor campus. In addition, students attending the Dearborn and  
14 Flint campuses lack other opportunities available to Ann Arbor  
15 students, including the Go Blue Guarantee, which guarantees free  
16 tuition to students from low-income families; and

17       Whereas, Furthermore, there remain pay disparities among  
18 faculty. Lecturers in Dearborn and Flint make \$7,000 to \$10,000  
19 less than their counterparts in Ann Arbor. Lecturers, who do the  
20 majority of teaching in Dearborn and Flint, need a professional  
21 wage in order to provide students with the energy and resources  
22 that they deserve; and

23       Whereas, The students within the University of Michigan  
24 system, regardless of campus, should have access to equal resources  
25 and opportunities, as required by the state constitution; now,  
26 therefore, be it

27       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we reaffirm  
28 that the University of Michigan includes the satellite campuses of  
29 Dearborn and Flint; and be it further

1           Resolved, That we reaffirm that the Board of Regents has an  
2 obligation under the Michigan Constitution to provide students at  
3 each campus with equitable resources and opportunities; and be it  
4 further

5           Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
6 University of Michigan Board of Regents.