

Reps. Brown, Accavitti, Anderson, Ball, Bieda, Byrnes, Byrum, Cheeks, Condino, Cushingberry, Elsenheimer, Gillard, Gleason, Gonzales, Gosselin, Green, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Kolb, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, Jr., Mayes, McDowell, Meisner, Pearce, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Alma Smith, Spade, Stahl, Stakoe, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen, Waters, Zelenko, Clack, Lipsey and Murphy offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 306.

A resolution recognizing Michigan Government Television's Tenth Anniversary.

Whereas, MGTV was launched on July 15, 1996, and its initial programming included House and Senate committees, commission meetings from within the executive branch including the state board of education, press conferences, speeches by major policy makers, and events from the state's university system; and

Whereas, MGTV began to air oral arguments from Michigan's Supreme Court in October of 1996 and became the second television network in U.S. history to carry live coverage of a state's highest court; and

Whereas, Live and tape-delayed coverage of the sessions of the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate began in October of 1997; and

Whereas, Coverage of House and Senate sessions and Supreme Court oral arguments remain the mainstays of MGTV's programming; and

Whereas, Michigan Government Television's on-air coverage of House of Representatives session and committee meetings represents a partnership between the non-profit, cable-television-supported MGTV and the House's own television staff; and

Whereas, MGTV offers all session and committee meetings gavel-to-gavel without editing for content; and

Whereas, The Clerk of the House, Gary Randall, was actively involved in the launch of MGTV's House coverage and continues to work closely with MGTV; and

Whereas, Through its coverage of session and committee meetings, MGTV brings the House directly into more than a million homes, schools, and offices served by cable television around the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and honor the tenth anniversary of Michigan Government Television's service to the citizens of the state of Michigan.