

Reps. Meadows, Dean, Lemmons, Polidori, Kathleen Law, Clack, Hammon, Hammel, Caswell, Pearce, Hansen, Marleau, Garfield, Meltzer, Vagnozzi, Warren, Mayes, Byrum, Sak, Donigan, Valentine, Spade, Proos, Cushingberry, Robert Jones, Meisner, Ball, Pastor, Johnson, Rick Jones, Steil, Hopgood, Gonzales, Accavitti, Bieda, Tobocman, Miller, Constan, LeBlanc, Byrnes, Palmer, Rocca, Alma Smith and Condino offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 170.

A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of Michigan State University's James Madison College.

Whereas, It is with admiration for this nationally recognized institution that we commemorate the 40th anniversary of James Madison College at Michigan State University. Rightfully known as one of MSU's crown jewels, James Madison College has offered its students the best of both worlds throughout the last forty years, a small residential college within a large university. The results have been as effective as they have been far-reaching. We commend everyone who has contributed to this inspiring success; and,

Whereas, All across our nation, graduates of James Madison College have taken their well deserved place in courtrooms, boardrooms, the halls of government, and in every other professional arena. In Michigan, alumni are serving in the House of Representatives and the Executive Office, as well as in law, banking, real estate, and countless other fields. James Madison students are having a profound and positive impact throughout the world and are bringing great pride to that "little school that thought it could"; and,

Whereas, From 1960 to 1966, enrollment grew 75 percent at MSU. President Hannah, administrators, and faculty created James Madison College to retain the positive aspects of the small university of the 1950s. In the fall of 1967, the first James Madison College students came to Case Hall to take part in a small, liberal arts college. Times were far different then, and so were the interests and goals of the students. James Madison College has kept pace with this fast changing world and has adapted to meet the needs of the students and the economy they will face upon graduation; and,

Whereas, The college's recipe for success is no secret – award winning professors, a small faculty-to-student ratio, highly motivated students, fascinating courses, an excellent writing program, and the opportunity for off-campus field experiences. These efforts have brought great dividends to the students. In fact, we have all reaped many rewards from this success. James Madison College teaches students to think creatively, write clearly, and solve problems effectively. The students have grasped these skills and we are all far richer because of it. We hope this school continues to flourish throughout the twenty-first century; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we proudly commemorate the 40th anniversary of MSU's James Madison College and congratulate all associated with it; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to MSU President Lou Ann Simon.