Reps. Dean, Bieda, Brown, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Hopgood, Robert Jones, Leland, Lemmons, Miller, Polidori, Proos, Sak, Spade, Stahl, Tobocman, Vagnozzi and Gonzales offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 420.

A resolution proclaiming the week of July 11, 2008, as Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives passed resolutions acknowledging the genocide that the Serbian forces perpetrated in Srebrenica, and all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995; and

Whereas, July 11, 2008 is commemorated as the 13th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre in which almost 8,000 innocent Bosniak civilians were executed in the worst atrocity in Europe since the holocaust; and

Whereas, This anniversary raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people and honors and remembers those who died as a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and aggression; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of this event to bring closure for the Bosnian people through justice and truth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body proclaim the week of July 11, 2008, as Bosnia And Herzegovina Tribute Week in the state of Michigan. We call upon all citizens to work toward ending the cycle of violence and promoting peaceful coexistence among all.