Rep. Steil offered the following resolution:

## **House Resolution No. 162.**

A resolution commemorating August 18, 2007, as Family Preservation Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, We recognize that the interconnected relationships fostered in families are essential to our state's stability, growth and quality of life; and

Whereas, The strength of our nation today is dependent on the strength of the family structure; and

Whereas, The preservation of the family unit will bring about the benefits of ongoing parental relationships, which include, but are not limited to, a declining rate of juvenile crime and childhood poverty and an increased rate of childhood self esteem and family-value awareness; and

Whereas, Family Preservation Day is an opportunity for government to join forces with parents, children, community organizations and local agencies to advocate on behalf of our children, and to take action together against the destruction of the family structure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate August 18, 2007, as Family Preservation Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further:

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Family and Children Services.