

Rep. Mayes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 79.

A resolution to recognize the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in Michigan and the value of partnership efforts that increase awareness about pollinators and build support for protecting and sustaining pollinators by designating June 21-27, 2009, as Michigan Pollinator Week in Michigan.

Whereas, Bees, butterflies, and other pollinator species have a critically important role in agriculture in Michigan and help to produce a healthy and affordable food supply and sustain ecosystem health; and

Whereas, Pollinators help to produce an estimated one out of every three bites of food consumed in the United States and to reproduce at least 80 percent of flowering plants; and

Whereas, Commodities produced in partnership with animal pollinators generate significant income for agricultural producers, with domestic honeybees alone pollinating an estimated \$14.6 billion worth of crops in the United States each year produced on more than 2 million acres; and

Whereas, It is in the strong economic interest of agricultural producers and consumers in Michigan as well as the United States to help ensure a healthy, sustainable pollinator population; and

Whereas, Possible declines in the health and population of pollinators pose what could be a significant threat to global food webs, the integrity of biodiversity, and human health; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body designate the week of June 21-27, 2009, as Michigan Pollinator Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further,

Resolved, That we recognize the partnership role that pollinators play in agriculture and healthy ecosystems and applaud the cooperative and collaborative conservation efforts that increase awareness about the important role of pollinators and build support for protecting and sustaining pollinators.