

Reps. Hammel, Bauer, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Durhal, Geiss, Gonzales, Gregory, Robert Jones, Lahti, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Liss, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Pearce, Polidori, Segal, Slavens, Smith, Spade, Tyler, Valentine, Leland and Lipton offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 83.**

A resolution designating April 1, 2010, as Census Day in Michigan and appointing a complete count committee.

Whereas, The kick off day for the 2010 Census is April 1, 2010; and

Whereas, An accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

Whereas, More than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

Whereas, Census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

Whereas, The 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

Whereas, The information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; and

Whereas, As a 2010 Census partner, Michigan will support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage community participation: encourage people in Michigan to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and to participate in events that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census to ensure a full and accurate count; support census takes as they help our community complete an accurate count; and appoint a Complete Count Committee to seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, to utilize high-profile, trusted people to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 1, 2010 as Census Day in Michigan and joins the rest of the nation as a 2010 Census Partner.