

Reps. Bolger, Robert Jones, DeShazor, Terry Brown, Caul, Crawford, Dean, Denby, Durhal, Haines, Hansen, Kurtz, Leland, Lori, Lund, Marleau, Opsommer, Pearce, Proos, Schuitmaker, Tyler and Walsh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 198.

A resolution declaring March 6, 2010, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The 2010 USA Curling Nationals, the premier event for the selection of the elite athletes to represent the United States in the 2010 men's and women's World Curling Championships, are being held March 6-13 at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo; and

Whereas, The first curling club in the United States was formed in Michigan and curled on Orchard Lake in 1831. The Orchard Lake Curling Club used hickory blocks instead of the typical granite stones used today. Now there are eight clubs in Michigan including: Calumet, Escanaba, Midland, Lewiston, Gladstone, Ferndale, Port Huron, and Kalamazoo; and

Whereas, Despite the moribund economy that our state is facing, the city of Kalamazoo and Wings Stadium were able to impress the United States Curling Association and beat out two curling powerhouses in Minnesota and Wisconsin in the bid competition; and

Whereas, The 2010 USA Curling Nationals hopes to bring in over 20,000 spectators to Wings Stadium to witness the event. It is estimated that over one million dollars will be contributed to the Southwest Michigan economy as a result; and

Whereas, Creation of "Go Curling Day in Michigan" demonstrates Michigan's commitment to tourism promotion and economic growth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 6, 2010, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.