

Reps. Haugh, Barnett, Brown, Crawford, Darany, Denby, Durhal, Geiss, Haines, Heise, Howrylak, Kelly, Kowall, O'Brien, Slavens and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 150.

A resolution to declare May 24, 2013, as Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Public service chaplains play an essential role with prayer, spirituality, positivity, resources, assistance and support in public safety, critical incidents, national, state or local emergencies, and disaster response. They serve in faith-based organizations, businesses, government, civic, and community organizations, educational institutions, and other organizations; and

Whereas, The service and assistance of public service chaplains today requires advanced knowledge, experience, training, and expertise in public safety, critical incident stress management, post-traumatic stress disorder, governmental procedures, spiritual-based operations, conflict resolution, cultural diversity, organizational structure, protocol, procedures, and etiquette, inter-personal communications, counseling, and business; and

Whereas, All workplaces, government public safety departments, businesses, organizations, and institutions around the world are encouraged to recognize the important contributions of public service chaplains; and

Whereas, The theme of the celebration is "This year, celebrate, appreciate, and recognize all public service chaplains". This reflects their professionalism, dedication, inspiration, experience, and support as a whole through an unselfish commitment to their chaplain careers while improving and expanding their skills and knowledge has, is, and will continue to be a vital asset to any and all organizations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 24, 2013, as Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan. We call on all employers, organizations, and institutions to support continued opportunities, training, and development, resources, finances and encouragement for their prospective chaplains. We recognize that a well-trained, well-supported and well-financed chaplain force is essential for success in today's workplaces.