

Reps. Segal, Brown, Durhal, Heise, Howrylak, Price, Santana, Singh and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 215.

A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Starr Commonwealth.

Whereas, In 1913, a young man named Floyd Starr purchased a ramshackle barn and 40 acres in Albion, MI, and founded Starr Commonwealth as a refuge for homeless, dependent, neglected, and delinquent boys; and

Whereas, Since 1913, Starr Commonwealth has worked to transform the lives of children and their families by creating environments where they can flourish; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth is internationally recognized as a leader in transformational programs for children, families, schools, and communities; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth's practices and principles are supported by a century of success in the treatment of troubled youth and confirmed by emerging research in behavioral health and neuroscience; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth's community-based programs, residential treatment services, educational services, and professional training represent the international standard of excellence in identifying, treating, and healing trauma and pain-based behavior, and building resiliency in children and adolescents; and

Whereas, Every member of Starr Commonwealth has a deep desire to see children and families succeed and grow, spending decades building and refining their strength-based approach to treating troubled youth; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth serves thousands of children, adults, families, and communities around the country through community-based early intervention and preventative services, specialized residential programs, and education services, with training programs and conferences that equip professionals from around the world; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth understands the importance of effective collaborations and has maintained its leadership through licensure, accreditation, and strategic alliance with national childcare and service organizations, as well as specific trade and business affiliations; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth welcomes families from all over the world and has impacted the lives of children from all 50 states and more than 60 countries; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth believes that when you treat a child with dignity and respect, it changes that child's heart, and in the end, that is what changes a child's life; and

Whereas, Starr Commonwealth has strived to and succeeded in changing lives, one child at a time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of Starr Commonwealth. We offer congratulations to the organization, which is headquartered in Albion, Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we applaud the century of hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm displayed by Starr Commonwealth to improve the lives of children throughout Michigan, the United States, and the world; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our sincerest wishes that this outstanding organization enjoys at least another century of success, dutifully carrying out their mission and fulfilling the vision of their founder.