

Substitute for House Resolution No. 265.

A resolution commemorating November 7-10, 2013, as the centennial anniversary of the Great Storm of 1913 in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The purpose of this resolution is to honor the memories of the nearly 300 mariners lost, the 40 ships affected and the 19 vessels that were foundered by the Great Lakes Storm of 1913; and

Whereas, Surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes and blessed with over 3,000 miles of freshwater shoreline, the Lakes are regarded as having a unique metrological impact on weather statewide, and

Whereas, Michigan regularly attracts recreational divers, as well as scholars and historians to research the thousands of ships beneath the surface of her waters, and

Whereas, From the 7th through the 10th of November 1913, the weather phenomenon better known as the "White Hurricane" laid waste to much of the state's shipping economy, and

Whereas, The 9th of November 1913 was the heaviest day of the storm resulting in the destruction to ships throughout the state but most notably in Lake Huron, and

Whereas, A remembrance of the storm and its aftermath are part of a featured exhibit of the Port Huron Museum known as The Centennial Of the Worst Great Lakes Maritime Disaster in History, and

Whereas, The Port Huron Museum will host a panel of scholars, authors, musicians and other Great Lakes enthusiasts known as the Blue Water Chautauqua to further explore the events of November 1913, and

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate November 7-10, 2013, as the centennial anniversary of the Great Storm of 1913 in the state of Michigan.