

Reps. Daley, Barnett, Brown, Cotter, Durhal, Heise, Howrylak, Kelly, LaVoy, Poleski, Price, Roberts and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 332.

A resolution to declare March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Multiple myeloma, the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called “multiple” because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and

Whereas, Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

Whereas, Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and

Whereas, Because myeloma is a rare disease, there can be delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason, an increased awareness of myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

Whereas, Continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for myeloma patients; and

Whereas, Although we have seen important advances in the last decade, there is still no cure for myeloma; and

Whereas, We are committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all residents to participate in voluntary activities to support myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.