

Rep. Townsend offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 21.

A resolution to recognize the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial and to acknowledge Michigan's contributions during the Second World War.

Whereas, The effects of World War II were momentous, from the halt of tyranny that threatened the existence of freedom, the ushering in of the Atomic Age and the redrawing of international borders to the baby boomer generation, the G.I. Bill, the changing role of women and civil rights advances; and

Whereas, Michigan has an important history to share when it comes to World War II with more than 600,000 residents serving in the armed forces and countless others serving on the home front where Rosie the Riveter and the Arsenal of Democracy were born; and

Whereas, From the factories to the fields, Michigan supplied the war effort with everything from guns, tanks, bombers, planes and ships to livestock, crops and K-rations; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will provide a year-round, multi-purpose destination that will encourage visitors to commemorate those who served and celebrate our freedoms; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will provide an environment that will attract visitors of all ages to explore and learn and serve as an inspiration for future generations, reminding us all of the remarkable patriotism, sacrifices and extraordinary devotion to liberty that helped save the world from fascism; and

Whereas, After flying nearly 1,400 Michigan WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. free of charge to see the National WWII Memorial, Honor Flight Michigan Legacy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is proud take on the new mission of leading the effort to bring The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial to life; and

Whereas, Honor Flight Michigan Legacy is working with professional historians, educators, architects, designers and artists to build this memorial; and

Whereas, Michigan military organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and Jewish War Veterans enthusiastically support The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will reside in Memorial Park in the city of Royal Oak, Michigan in a location dedicated to the memory of those who served in World War II; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial and acknowledge Michigan's contributions during the Second World War.