

Rep. Irwin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 69.

A resolution to declare April 7-13, 2013, as Barbershop Harmony Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society, was officially organized April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, What began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

Whereas, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and

Whereas, The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music and has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America. The group is dedicated to sustaining and preserving the American tradition of the barbershop quartet and promotes musical education through music scholarships, charitable foundations, and other means; and

Whereas, Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 7–13, 2013, as Barbershop Harmony Week in the state of Michigan.