

Reps. Tedder, Faris, Hooker, Howrylak, Kelly, LaVoy, Poleski, Sarah Roberts, Schor and Singh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 206.

A resolution to commemorate the 179th anniversary of Michigan's statehood and declare January 26, 2016, as Michigan Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is with great respect that the members of this legislative body are proud to join with the citizens of Michigan in remembering January 26, 1837, as the historic day when Michigan was admitted as the 26th state to the Union; and

Whereas, When President Andrew Jackson signed the Northern Ohio Boundary Bill in June of 1836, Michigan was presented with the opportunity for statehood by resolving the boundary dispute with Ohio and granting Michigan much of the territory in the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, Since joining the nation 179 years ago, Michigan has demonstrated its importance and contributions to the growth of the nation. From Michigan's vast natural resources of copper, lumber, and iron ore to the intellectual and innovative spirit of its citizens; and

Whereas, Michigan is responsible for producing one of the largest varieties of agricultural products in the United States while also being the birth place of many nationally recognized products and services like cereal and meat producers; and

Whereas, Education has always been a priority in Michigan and many of the state's public and private colleges were founded early in its history. Michigan's Constitution was ahead of its time in the establishment of educational institutions and libraries. Article X called for township libraries to be funded by penal fines and fees paid for exemption from military duty. The nation's first university hospital is in Michigan and the state has one of the original schools for the blind; and

Whereas, The entrepreneurial spirit has made Michigan a leader in manufacturing with leaders like Henry Ford, William Durant, and the Dodge brothers making Michigan the automotive capital of the world and the arsenal of democracy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 179th anniversary of Michigan's statehood and declare January 26, 2016, as Michigan Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we remember all who have contributed and sacrificed for the success of the great state of Michigan and we remember all those who have lived and who currently live in the Great Lake State.