

Rep. Faris offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 46.

A resolution to declare March 24, 2017, as Youth Parenting Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, In 2015, there were 6,412 births to teen mothers in Michigan, accounting for 5.7 percent of all births in the state; and

Whereas, In 2014, 16.8 percent of births to teens mothers ages 15-19 were not the mother's first birth; and

Whereas, Young parents require additional support, services, and resources to ensure the health and well-being of their children; and

Whereas, Young parents often face additional hardships in education, employment opportunities, financial stability, access to housing, child care services, and maternal and infant health. Young parents who receive additional support are more likely to finish high school or get their GED, pursue higher level education, achieve and maintain employment, and maintain stable housing. Supporting young parents leads to better health and social outcomes for the children of young parents; and

Whereas, Young parents are important, contributing members within their communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 24, 2017, as Youth Parenting Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.