

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

Rep. Xiong offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 20, 2024, as World Refugee Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Around the world, over 100 million people have been
4 forced to flee their homes due to violence and persecution,
5 resulting in the worst refugee crisis in history; and

6 Whereas, Michigan is recognized as a welcoming state and has
7 offered hope and safety to tens of thousands of refugees since
8 World War II; and

9 Whereas, Michigan is home to many resettlement agencies and
10 organizations, serving refugees along with numerous businesses,
11 educational institutions, faith communities, and civic
12 organizations; and

1 Whereas, Refugees have made numerous social, cultural,
2 religious, and economic contributions to communities throughout
3 Michigan; and

4 Whereas, We encourage Michiganders to recognize the strength,
5 perseverance, and accomplishments of their new American neighbors,
6 and reflect on the severity of the global refugee crisis; and

7 Whereas, We recognize this moment of great global need, and
8 Michigan's ability and desire to welcome more refugees, while
9 calling for a more robust national response; now, therefore be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
11 this legislative body declare June 20, 2024, as World Refugee Day
12 in the state of Michigan.