

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Rep. Markkanen offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the federal government to purchase the
2 Ojibway Correctional Facility and turn it into a detention and
3 deportation center for United States Immigration and Customs
4 Enforcement.

5 Whereas, In December 2018, the Michigan Department of
6 Corrections closed the Ojibway Correctional Facility in Marenisco,
7 Michigan. The closure resulted in the loss of hundreds of jobs for
8 hardworking Michiganders dedicated to protecting their community.
9 Since 2021, the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and
10 Budget has been attempting to sell the property; and

11 Whereas, In support of President Donald Trump's ongoing
12 crackdown on illegal immigration, the state of Florida has recently
13 repurposed a little used airport in Miami-Dade County to convert it
14 into a new migrant detention facility - dubbed "Alligator

1 Alcatraz." It is expected that the facility will be able to hold
2 approximately 3,000 detainees, with the possibility of expansion;
3 and

4 Whereas, Since the beginning of President Trump's second term
5 in office, arrests made by the United States Immigration and
6 Customs Enforcement in Michigan have increased by 154 percent. As
7 the number of arrests continues to rise, so does the need to have
8 more space to hold detainees. The addition of another dedicated
9 federal detention and deportation facility in Michigan would go far
10 in furthering President Trump's policy goals; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
12 federal government to purchase the Ojibway Correctional Facility
13 and turn it into a detention and deportation center for the United
14 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and be it further

15 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
16 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States
17 House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States
18 Senate, the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland
19 Security, the Acting Director of the United States Immigration and
20 Customs Enforcement, and the members of the Michigan congressional
21 delegation.