

# HOUSE BILL No. 5789

March 12, 2002, Introduced by Reps. Drolet, Gosselin, Hummel, Kowall, Ruth Johnson, Palmer, Ehardt, Voorhees, Vear, Bradstreet and Richner and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to establish May 1 as freedom day.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes the twentieth century to  
2 have been a period in which communist nations and their allies  
3 advanced their ideology on 5 continents by way of subjugating  
4 innocent billions and murdering tens of millions. The legisla-  
5 ture further recognizes that these totalitarian regimes have tra-  
6 ditionally designated May day as a holiday that celebrates their  
7 ideology and crimes against human liberty. It is the desire of  
8 the legislature to establish a day to commemorate the triumph of  
9 individual liberty over tyranny, to memorialize the victims of  
10 collectivist tyranny, and to celebrate the heroes who sacrificed  
11 of themselves in this noble struggle. To this end, the  
12 legislature reclaims and establishes May 1 as freedom day.

1       Sec. 2. The legislature encourages individuals, educational  
2 institutions, and social, community, religious, labor, and  
3 business organizations to pause on freedom day and reflect upon  
4 the significance of those who suffered under communist oppres-  
5 sion, and to honor the heroism of the citizens and soldiers who  
6 sacrificed of themselves to reclaim and defend the right of all  
7 humanity to live in freedom.