Reps. Franz, Barnett, Brown, Cotter, Crawford, Darany, Denby, Durhal, Geiss, Haines, Heise, Hooker, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Lori, Poleski, Roberts, Slavens and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 76.

A resolution to declare March 21, 2013, as Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain the principles on which our nation's freedoms depend; and

Whereas, The willingness of our veterans to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, even their lives, to defend our democratic principles and safeguard our liberty, gives this great nation continued strength and vitality; and

Whereas, Our hearts and thoughts on this special day also turn to those who have been paralyzed. Their sacrifices and hardships endure daily and earn the honor and compassion of a grateful nation; and

Whereas, The members of the House of Representatives, seeking to convey a gratitude to those brave men and women on behalf of an appreciative state, recognize the challenges that these individuals endure on a daily basis. In the expression of that gratitude, we see the need to recognize these individuals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 21, 2013, as Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We urge citizens to use this opportunity to recognize the service and sacrifice of our paralyzed veterans and their future challenges.