

Reps. McBroom, Rendon, Nesbitt, Hooker, Bumstead, Daley, Lauwers, Barnett, Brown, Crawford, Darany, Denby, Durhal, Faris, Geiss, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Kelly, Lamonte, LaVoy, Poleski and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 172.

A resolution to declare June 12, 2013, as Dairy Foods Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There are approximately 1,900 Grade A dairy farms in Michigan. Michigan has 375,000 dairy cows, representing approximately 2,000 dairy herds. In 2012, dairy cows in Michigan produced approximately 8.9 billion pounds of milk. Michigan ranked 8th in milk production in the U.S., producing 4.4 percent of the nation's milk. The dairy industry in Michigan contributes \$14.7 billion to the state's economy. The average Michigan cow produces approximately 23,700 pounds of milk each year. That's 2,775 gallons of milk a year, or more than 8 gallons of milk every day of each cow's milking period. Michigan ranks 5th nationally for average milk production per cow per year. According to the USDA, 98 percent of U.S. dairy farms are family owned and operated, sometimes by multiple generations of a family; and

Whereas, The mission of the Michigan Dairy Foods Association is to support and promote activities designed to improve and maintain the general well-being of the dairy processing industry; and

Whereas, The Michigan Dairy Foods Association is a trade and membership service organization representing all aspects of the dairy processing industry in Michigan. The association's primary purposes are to assure that a strong environment exists for the creation and maintenance of sound public policy as it relates to all aspects of the dairy processing industry in Michigan, to enhance the position, prestige, and competitive ability of the association's members, and to provide educational programs to enhance members' abilities to process and market fine dairy products, packaged waters, and juices in Michigan and throughout the world; and

Whereas, Dairy Foods Awareness Day was established by the Michigan Dairy Foods Association to demonstrate the importance of the dairy processing industry in Michigan and to promote the 3-A-Day concept of three servings of calcium-rich dairy products per day, which helps ensure a healthy diet. We salute the people of the Michigan Dairy Foods Association for their efforts to expand our awareness and knowledge of the dairy processing industry; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 12, 2013, as Dairy Foods Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the organizers of Dairy Foods Awareness Day as evidence of our esteem.