

Rep. Runestad offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 327.

A resolution to encourage awareness and sensitivity to the concept of parental alienation.

Whereas, Parental alienation encompasses a host of behaviors including speaking negatively about a parent and inappropriate discussions with a child on details concerning custody issues or issues in a marriage or divorce. These discussions are often not age appropriate for a child; and

Whereas, Alienating behavior can be an outcome in high-conflict divorce and custody situations or investigations. Parental alienation is destructive and harmful to children, and it can destroy the bond between a parent and child. Furthermore, this can create confusion and instability that deprive children of a sense of security; and

Whereas, When parental alienation occurs, it can prevent a child from wanting to have a relationship with a parent or prevent a child from having meaningful contact with a parent. It may also negatively impact a child's relationship with their grandparents, siblings, and other family members; and

Whereas, Awareness of parental alienation brings understanding and the power to foster a loving relationship between all children and their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage awareness and sensitivity to the concept of parental alienation; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage those working with children and families to seek to affirm parent-child relationships and honor the constitutional right of parents to raise their children; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to each family court of each county in Michigan, to each friend of the court office for each county, and to each child protective services office in the state of Michigan.