

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.129

Reps. Sabo, Schroeder, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Ellison, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Greig, Haadsma, Hammoud, Hoadley, Hood, Hope, Jones, Kuppa, Leutheuser, Liberati, Love, Manoogian, Pagan, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Webber, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
2 founding of Optimist International.

3 Whereas, On June 19, 1919, Optimist International began its
4 remarkable history when representatives of 11 clubs held a
5 convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and adopted the name
6 International Optimist Club. During the convention, William Henry
7 Harrison, a descendent of the ninth president of the United States
8 bearing the same name, was elected the first International
9 President of Optimist International; and



1 Whereas, Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer
2 organization made up of more than 2,500 local clubs across the
3 globe whose members work each day to make the future brighter by
4 bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in
5 themselves; and

6 Whereas, The vision of Optimist International is to be
7 recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that
8 values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.
9 With a purpose to develop optimism as a philosophy of life
10 utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed, to promote an active
11 interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect
12 for the law, to promote patriotism and work for international
13 accord and friendship among all people, to aid and encourage the
14 development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self
15 in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind,
16 community life and the world; and

17 Whereas, Optimist International continues to demonstrate their
18 devotion to young children in our local communities and translating
19 that passion to global efforts through the work of its members. The
20 satisfaction members receive from giving back is the motivation for
21 the clubs to continue their work for years to come. Optimist
22 International will continue to be a beacon of light for children
23 throughout the world. Michigan makes up District 17 of Optimist
24 International and encompasses 92 local Optimist Clubs; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
28 founding of Optimist International; and be it further

29 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the

- 1 Optimist International headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.