

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.129

Reps. Sabo and Schroeder 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

10 Whereas, Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer
11 organization made up of more than 2,500 local clubs across the
12 globe whose members work each day to make the future brighter by
13 bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in



1 themselves; and

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

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

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

25 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
26 Optimist International headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.