

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.139

Reps. Love, Hammoud, Brixie, Whitsett, Anthony, Kennedy, Garza, Brenda Carter, Pagan, Manoogian, Cherry, Ellison, Wittenberg and Gay-Dagnogo offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage all of Michigan's public
2 universities to enact welcoming policies and procedures for
3 students from all over the world.

4 Whereas, Michigan colleges and universities should be
5 welcoming places of learning for students from all over the world
6 in order to promote a rich environment of cultural diversity.
7 Learning with people from a variety of backgrounds allows free
8 communication, encourages collaboration, and fosters innovation,
9 thereby benefiting all students; and

10 Whereas, Through body of law, the Michigan Legislature has
11 worked purposefully to ensure that government protects the rights



1 and liberties guaranteed in our constitution and discourages the
2 systematic violation of the rights of people in our state. Policies
3 that contribute to community divisiveness by perpetuating negative
4 and inaccurate stereotypes about immigrant communities and visitors
5 do not reflect the cultural fabric of this state. Resistance
6 against hatred, racism, and xenophobia is a constant battle from
7 which we cannot retire; and

8 Whereas, An individual's right to privacy is protected by the
9 Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Foreign students and
10 staff should be allowed the right to work and study on college
11 campuses in peace without release of their personal information or
12 unwarranted searches by campus police in cooperation with federal
13 immigration authorities; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
15 all of Michigan's public universities to enact welcoming policies
16 and procedures for new students from all over the world; and be it
17 further

18 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
19 Michigan Association of State Universities.

