

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.228

Reps. Sneller, Cherry, Warren, Lasinski, Pohutsky, Liberati, Chirkun, Cynthia Johnson, Kennedy, Coleman, Hood, Byrd, Anthony, Sabo, Frederick, Hertel, Hope, Robinson, LaGrand, Shannon, Stone, Tyrone Carter, Manoogian, Guerra, Howell, Mueller, Gay-Dagnogo, Bolden, Kuppa, Jones, Garza, Whitsett, Elder, Brixie, Yancey, Garrett, Sowerby, Tate, Love, Hoadley and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 11, 2020, as White Shirt Day
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto
4 Workers (UAW) as they gather to mark the 83rd anniversary of their
5 first contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a
6 reflection of the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination



1 of those first UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and
2 improved benefits that have created a positive atmosphere for all
3 of America's working men and women. We remember those historic
4 members on this anniversary; and

5 Whereas, On February 11, 2020, UAW members and retirees will
6 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the
7 famous Flint Sit-Down Strike in 1937. While the members of this
8 distinguished organization celebrate the 83rd anniversary of this
9 event, we offer our thanks for the outstanding contributions they
10 have made to the Flint community, our state, and our nation; and

11 Whereas, The origin of the UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced
12 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a member of Local 598, first
13 suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white
14 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they
15 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal
16 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and
17 strength of UAW members; and

18 Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the members
19 and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its founders
20 and the commitment of its workers that have brought them to this
21 point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be
22 casting an eye to the future and to the many ways in which United
23 Auto Workers will continue to serve the working men and women of
24 this great country; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body declare February 11, 2020, as White Shirt Day
27 in the state of Michigan. We commemorate the 83rd anniversary of
28 the first United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and
29 commend everyone who has contributed to the UAW's success. We

- 1 applaud their accomplishments and thank them for helping to
- 2 strengthen and build Michigan's communities, workforce, and
- 3 economy.