

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

Reps. Camilleri, Stone, Hood, Koleszar, Manoogian, Shannon, Tyrone Carter, Garza, Brenda Carter, Sowerby, Hoadley, Greig, Anthony, Witwer, Bolden, Pohutsky, Sneller, Cherry, Chirkun, Hertel, Sabo, Miller, Rabhi, Hope, Kuppa, Peterson, Elder, Haadsma, Lasinski, Brixie, Robinson, Coleman, Kennedy, Cynthia Johnson, Wittenberg, Byrd, Ellison, Yancey, Gay-Dagnogo, Clemente, Liberati, Hammoud, Warren, Cambensy, Tate and Guerra offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 27, 2020, as Public Schools
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Public education is the foundation of a 21st-century
4 democracy; and

5 Whereas, The nation's public schools are where students come
6 to be educated as citizens of the United States; and

7 Whereas, Each public school prepares the nation's young people



1 to contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the
2 country; and

3 Whereas, Ninety percent of American children attend public
4 schools; and

5 Whereas, Local, state, and federal lawmakers should prioritize
6 support for strengthening the nation's public schools and empower
7 local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school
8 districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local
9 education stakeholders and learning communities; and

10 Whereas, Local, state, and federal lawmakers should support
11 such necessities as counseling, extracurricular activities, and
12 mental health supports that are critical to help students engage in
13 learning; and

14 Whereas, Inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are
15 where children learn to think critically, problem solve, and build
16 relationships; and

17 Whereas, Public schools should provide an environment where
18 all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years,
19 regardless of who they are or where they live; and

20 Whereas, Efforts should be supported to advance equity and
21 excellence in public education and to implement continuous
22 improvement and evidence-based practices; and

23 Whereas, Every child has the right to an education that helps
24 them reach their full potential and to attend schools that offer a
25 high-quality educational experience; and

26 Whereas, Stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding
27 for great public schools for every student in America is necessary
28 to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school
29 libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared and

1 supported educators; and

2 Whereas, Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and
3 principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and
4 create joy in learning; and

5 Whereas, The nation's school buildings should have class sizes
6 small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one attention and
7 to access support services such as health care, nutrition, and
8 after-school programs when needed; and

9 Whereas, Students, teachers, and professionals make the
10 nation's public schools vital components of the community; and

11 Whereas, February 24-28, 2020, is National Public Schools
12 Week. Parents and communities are working hard to improve
13 educational outcomes for children across the country; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare February 27, 2020, as Public Schools
17 Day in the state of Michigan. We call upon Michiganders to observe
18 this week by supporting public schools.