

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 368

Rep. Green offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize the importance of hospitality and
2 recreational industries in the state of Michigan, to acknowledge
3 their contributions to our economy, and to express our support for
4 their success.

5 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on
6 American life. Since the virus first arrived in the United States,
7 over 450,000 Michiganders have been infected with Coronavirus and
8 over 11,000 have died; and

9 Whereas, The virus has also brought unprecedented economic
10 disruption with the closure of many businesses. While there is
11 hope of a swift recovery, the full economic effect of the pandemic
12 remains to be determined; and

13 Whereas, Although many businesses have remained closed or

1 faced reduced revenues as a result of the pandemic, they are still
2 required to pay essential costs such as mortgages, rent, and
3 utilities. Surveys have shown that more than half of all small
4 businesses are at risk of permanently closing in the next six
5 months; and

6 Whereas, There are 16,543 eating and drinking locations in
7 Michigan, employing over 447,000 individuals and providing \$17.9
8 billion in sales revenues; and

9 Whereas, There are 1,392 hotel properties in Michigan,
10 employing over 155,000 jobs and providing \$10 billion in hotel
11 guest spending; and

12 Whereas, There are over 280 bowling centers in Michigan,
13 employing over 10,000 individuals and providing an estimated
14 economic impact of \$375 million in revenues; and

15 Whereas, Hospitality and recreational businesses are a major
16 source of employment and economic activity in Michigan and the
17 United States. Support of these businesses provides job security
18 for tens of thousands of Michiganders and aids in economic recovery
19 during these unprecedented times; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body recognize the importance of hospitality and
22 recreational industries in the state of Michigan, acknowledge their
23 contributions to our economy, and express our support for their
24 success.