

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Reps. Morse, Peterson, Rogers, Stone, Rabhi, Coleman, Anthony, O'Neal, Young, Brabec, Ellison, Liberati, Sabo, Neeley, Puri, Cavanagh, Breen, Aiyash, Steckloff, Thanedar, Kuppa, Brixie, Pohutsky, Scott, Weiss, Brenda Carter, Lasinski, Tyrone Carter, Cherry, Clemente, Sowerby, Sneller, Hope, Camilleri, Shannon, Garza, Hood, Cambensy, Steenland, Koleszar, Manoogian, Cynthia Johnson, Yancey, Haadsma and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize the life-saving work and innovation
2 of employees in Michigan and around the country working to
3 manufacture and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine.

4 Whereas, There are Michigan workers who are instrumental in
5 the manufacturing and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine across
6 the United States of America and world. This includes the Portage
7 Pfizer manufacturing facility with 2,500 employees; and

1 Whereas, Over the past year, nearly 600,000 Michiganders were
2 afflicted with COVID-19, with over 15,000 succumbing to the
3 devastating virus. In the United States, there have been over 27
4 million confirmed cases, while nearly 500,000 of our fellow

5 Americans have lost their lives due to a COVID-19 infection; and

6 Whereas, In April of 2020, as COVID-19 claimed thousands of
7 lives across the country and around the globe, biopharmaceutical
8 plants began the herculean task of creating a life-saving vaccine
9 to address the worldwide crisis; and

10 Whereas, These plants have committed to expediting production
11 of the COVID-19 vaccine. Specifically, Pfizer has purposed to
12 produce 200 million doses intended for the United States by May of
13 2021, along with announcing the admirable goal of producing 2
14 billion doses by the close of 2021; and

15 Whereas, Our nation has experienced a crisis unlike anything
16 we have ever witnessed. The determination and dedication of the men
17 and women working around the clock to produce the COVID-19 vaccine
18 fills Michiganders and Americans with immense hope and pride. The
19 world looks to these innovators as an example of a COVID-19
20 response that America has done right. While the battle against
21 COVID-19 is far from over, these teams and their historic response
22 to the global pandemic has provided a monumental step toward a
23 well-functioning economy, health, safety and normalcy; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body recognize the life-saving work and innovation
27 of employees in Michigan and around the country working to
28 manufacture and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. We honor the
29 thousands of biopharmaceutical employees in our state and their

1 unparalleled contribution to the fight against COVID-19.