

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.197

Reps. Coleman, Haadsma, Liberati, Rogers, Sneller and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 28, 2021, as Albanian
2 American Heritage Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, On November 28th, 1912, Albanian hero, Ismail Qemali,
4 quickly gathered delegates to Vlora, Albania, to approve the
5 Declaration of Independence and secure Albania's status as an
6 independent nation free from foreign control or influence; and

7 Whereas, Independent Albania, a lifelong dream of a people
8 subjected to hundreds of years of occupation, the All-Albanian
9 Congress constituted a National Assembly to join the world as a
10 modern nation-state; and

11 Whereas, The Declaration of Independence concurrently
12 witnessed the raising of the modern Skanderbeg flag signifying the

1 existence of a unified and independent Albania; and

2 Whereas, Michigan's Albanian American citizens enrich our
3 communities and bring their unique culture and traditions to our
4 great state; and

5 Whereas, Members of the Albanian American community contribute
6 greatly to this state as business owners, skilled professionals,
7 community leaders, and engaged citizens; and

8 Whereas, November 28th, 2021 marks the 109th anniversary of
9 the realization of an independent Albania; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
11 this legislative body declare November 28, 2021, as Albanian
12 American Heritage Day in the state of Michigan. We thank those
13 individuals of Albanian heritage for the important contributions
14 they have made to our state and our country.