

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.220

Reps. Hornberger, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Sneller and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 30-February 5, 2022, as
2 Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, There are 47,842 students attending 215 Catholic
4 elementary and high schools throughout our great state; and

5 Whereas, The Constitution of Michigan states that "Religion,
6 morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the
7 happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall
8 forever be encouraged"; and

9 Whereas, Catholic school parents pay tuition in addition to
10 supporting their local public schools through their taxes; and

11 Whereas, Catholic schools comply with the same health, safety,
12 and general welfare regulations required of public schools; and

1 Whereas, Taking into account Michigan's minimum public school
2 foundation allowance of \$8,700 per pupil, Catholic schools save
3 taxpayers more than \$416 million in state spending annually; and

4 Whereas, Catholic schools instill a broad, values-based
5 education, emphasizing the lifelong development of moral,
6 intellectual, and social values in young people, making them
7 responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

8 Whereas, Catholic schools educate many students who are non-
9 Catholic and many students who are economically disadvantaged as a
10 good education remains the single best way out of poverty; and

11 Whereas, With their traditionally high academic standards,
12 high graduation rates, and commitment to community service,
13 Catholic schools and their graduates make a positive contribution
14 to society; and

15 Whereas, January 30-February 5, 2022, has been designated as
16 Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith.
17 Excellence. Service." as denoted by the National Catholic
18 Educational Association and the United States Conference of
19 Catholic Bishops; and

20 Whereas, The common good of the state of Michigan is
21 strengthened through the continued existence of Catholic schools;
22 and

23 Whereas Catholic schools are committed to community service,
24 producing graduates who hold "helping others" among their core
25 values; and

26 Whereas, Catholic schools create a supporting partnership with
27 each student's family, encouraging the involvement of parents in
28 the education of their children, so that Catholic schools form
29 productive lives which benefit future generations; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body declare January 30-February 5, 2022, as
4 Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan. We support the
5 continued dedication of Catholic schools across Michigan toward
6 academic excellence and the key role Catholic schools play in
7 promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for students;
8 and be it further

9 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
10 Michigan Catholic Conference with our highest esteem.