

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.210

Reps. Outman, Steven Johnson, Bezotte, Eisen, Slagh, Clements, Damoose, Maddock, Fink, Bollin, Roth and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to affirm our commitment to the inalienable  
2 rights of parents to direct the education of their children.

3       Whereas, The fundamental right of parents over the upbringing  
4 of their children has been unequivocally established in the United  
5 States. Parents are in the best position to know their own child's  
6 needs and circumstances, and therefore, should maintain authority  
7 over all decisions that could impact the health and well-being of  
8 their children; and

9       Whereas, Education remains a critical part of any child's  
10 upbringing. Michigan law recognizes that "it is the natural,  
11 fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and

1 direct the care, teaching, and education of their children." Public  
2 schools are designed to listen to and respect the wishes of parents  
3 in the development of academic standards and curricula; and

4       Whereas, It has been long standing in Michigan that parents  
5 have a voice in the education of their children. The Michigan  
6 Revised School Code provides, "the public schools of this state  
7 serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's  
8 parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual  
9 capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive  
10 environment"; and

11       Whereas, Education systems across the country have been  
12 infringing on parents' rights over their children's education. For  
13 example, radical politics have permeated public school curricula,  
14 resulting in education that amounts to political indoctrination. In  
15 addition, parents who try to object are either shamed or silenced  
16 into submission; and

17       Whereas, Parents have the right to ensure that their children  
18 are receiving appropriate education that is founded in historical  
19 fact, not ideology. It is essential that parents' voices are  
20 respected and incorporated into the development of academic  
21 curricula; now, therefore, be it

22       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm our  
23 commitment to the inalienable rights of parents to direct the  
24 education of their children; and be it further

25       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
26 Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the  
27 State Board of Education.