

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.216

Reps. Cynthia Johnson, Brabec, Thanedar, Stone, Tyrone Carter, Peterson, Garza, Steckloff, Kuppa and Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge school districts in Michigan to provide
2 information to parents about safe gun storage.

3 Whereas, Every year in the United States, approximately 18,000
4 children and teens are killed or wounded by firearms. Gun violence
5 remains the second leading cause of death for children in the U.S.,
6 and fatal firearm injuries for children and teens have steadily
7 risen since 2013; and

8 Whereas, The accessibility of firearms to children and teens
9 contributes to the rise in gun violence. It is estimated that about
10 5.4 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and
11 loaded firearm. Easy access to firearms can result in tragic

1 consequences, including accidental injuries and mass school
2 shootings; and

3 Whereas, It is vital that parents who own guns ensure that
4 they are stored safely. Research has shown that appropriately
5 locking up firearms could reduce child and teen firearm deaths by
6 up to a third. In addition, a study estimated that securely locked-
7 up guns would have prevented between 235 and 323 shootings of
8 children and teens in the U.S. in 2015; and

9 Whereas, In response to a growing concern that parents are not
10 responsibly storing their firearms, school districts across the
11 country are encouraging safe practices by including notices and
12 information regarding safe gun storage in registration forms and
13 other materials provided for parents. School districts in Michigan
14 should follow suit and implement this low-cost but potentially
15 life-saving strategy; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge school
17 districts in Michigan to provide information to parents about safe
18 gun storage; and be it further

19 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
20 executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards.