

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.140

Senator Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 16-20, 2022, as Michigan Home
2 Education Week.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is committed to excellence in
4 education; and

5 Whereas, Michigan law affirms that it is the natural,
6 fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and
7 direct the care, teaching, and education of their children; and

8 Whereas, Research demonstrates that educational alternatives
9 and direct family participation improves academic performance; and

10 Whereas, Families engaged in home-based education are not
11 dependent on public, tax-funded resources for their children's
12 education, saving Michigan taxpayers thousands of dollars annually;

1 and

2 Whereas, Educating children at home was the predominant form
3 of education during much of our nation's history; and

4 Whereas, Home education has a long history of success in our
5 country, producing such notable Americans including George
6 Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Quincy Adams,
7 John Marshall, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Helen
8 Keller, Clara Barton, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
9 George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, Frank Lloyd Wright, John Philip
10 Sousa, and Tim Tebow among many others; and

11 Whereas, Michigan's home educated students are equipped to be
12 successful, informed, engaged, ethical, and productive citizens who
13 enrich our society and contribute to the well-being of our state;
14 and

15 Whereas, Michigan parents who home educate their children at
16 their own expense dedicate their time and talents to ensure that
17 their child's academic, physical, psychological, social, and
18 emotional needs are met, and are, therefore, to be commended for
19 their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
21 body recognize May 16-20, 2022, as Michigan Home Education Week;
22 and be it further

23 Resolved, That we call this observance to the attention of all
24 our citizens; and be it further

25 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
26 Michigan Christian Homeschool Network with our highest esteem.