

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

Reps. Aragona, Woolford, Hoadley, Borton, Prestin, Bierlein, Kelly, Schuette, DeBoyer, Bruck, Alexander and MacDonell offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 115th anniversary of the
2 Midwest Independent Retailers Association.

3 Whereas, The Midwest Independent Retailers Association (MIRA)
4 serves as the premier trade association representing independent
5 retailers throughout the Midwest; and

6 Whereas, MIRA was formed in 1910 as the Detroit Retail Meat
7 Merchants by a handful of retailers with common business concerns;
8 and

9 Whereas, Membership grew to other retail industries including
10 convenience stores, petroleum stations and automobile service
11 stations, leading to the adoption of the name Associated Food and

1 Petroleum Dealers and later, through a series of mergers with
2 similar retail-based trade organizations in Michigan and Ohio, the
3 adoption of the name Midwest Independent Retailers Association in
4 2019, and

5 Whereas, MIRA now represents thousands of members in a variety
6 of retail and wholesale industries in multiple states throughout
7 the Midwest; and

8 Whereas, MIRA's commitment to its seven pillars of service -
9 business, government relations, vendor programs, compliance,
10 networking, community outreach and the Midwest Independent
11 Retailers Foundation, whose mission is to give back to local
12 communities and students through its scholarship program - serve as
13 the guiding principles by which the association advances interests
14 of small, independent businesses throughout the Midwest; and

15 Whereas, MIRA's members serve as an anchor in many
16 communities, providing goods and services where big box stores do
17 not exist, employing local residents, generating local and state
18 tax revenue, and raising their families within these communities;
19 and

20 Whereas, In 2025 MIRA is celebrating its 115th anniversary;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body commemorate the 115th anniversary of the
24 Midwest Independent Retailers Association.