

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

Reps. Fox, Smit, Borton, DeBoer, Schmaltz, Cavitt, Schriver, Martin, Kelly, Outman, Fairbairn, Woolford, Greene, Pavlov, VanderWall, Alexander, Lightner and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2025 as Pastor Appreciation
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Pastor Appreciation Month was established in 1922 to
4 recognize clergymen and clergywomen across the United States for
5 their contributions to churches, congregations, and Christ-
6 followers; and

7 Whereas, The Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
8 charges the body of Christ to honor those who labor in preaching
9 and teaching as worthy of double honor; and

10 Whereas, Pastors admonish and teach with all wisdom, so that
11 Christians may reach full maturity in Christ; and

1 Whereas, These wise counselors declare Christ's power to the
2 next generation by speaking the truth of God's word into the hearts
3 of new and devout believers alike; and

4 Whereas, Pastors raise up laborers for the kingdom of God,
5 equipping the saints for works of ministry; exhibit the fruits of
6 the Spirit, consistent with a disciple of Jesus, for the
7 encouragement of fellow Christians; and suffer greatly for their
8 boldness, facing persecution and spiritual warfare which may impact
9 their ministry and family, sometimes even to the extent of
10 martyrdom; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare October 2025 as Pastor Appreciation
13 Month in the state of Michigan. We commend pastors and other clergy
14 across the state of Michigan and uplift their commitment to
15 proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has
16 died for all sinners by taking our rightful place on the cross, now
17 reigning in the heavenly realms until his triumphant return.