

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Reps. Arbit, Rheingans, Coffia, Andrews, Brixie, Wooden, Martus, Foreman, Conlin, Morgan, McFall, Tsernoglou, Longjohn, Koleszar, Rogers, MacDonell, Hope, McKinney, Paiz, Glanville, Mentzer, Liberati, Price, B. Carter, Grant, Wilson, Pohutsky, Scott, Hoskins, T. Carter, Breen, Young, Snyder, Weiss, Myers-Phillips, O'Neal, Steckloff, Edwards and Fitzgerald offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 4, 2025, as North Atlantic
2 Treaty Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Seventy-six years ago, on April 4th, 1949, the United
4 States of America, alongside the governments of Belgium, Canada,
5 Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands,
6 Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom signed the Washington
7 Treaty establishing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

8 Whereas, NATO was founded to ensure collective security in

1 North America and Europe, in recognition of the shared destiny of
2 the free and democratic nations within the North Atlantic region;
3 and

4 Whereas, April 4 has been celebrated by the allies and used to
5 promote public appreciation for the importance of the Transatlantic
6 alliance and collective security; and

7 Whereas, The alliance has provided a necessary forum for
8 allies to consult and cooperate with on issues of collective
9 defense and security, including solving complex geopolitical
10 challenges, while standing as a beacon of freedom and liberty
11 across the globe; and

12 Whereas, NATO has successfully deterred aggression towards its
13 members by upholding Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty, which
14 states that the allies agree that an attack against one ally shall
15 be considered an attack on all; and

16 Whereas, The NATO forces came to the defense of the United
17 States of America following the terrorist attacks of 9/11 - the
18 only time in history when Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty
19 has been invoked; and

20 Whereas, Allied soldiers fought valiantly alongside American
21 men and women in Afghanistan, as well as important missions in the
22 Balkans, Libya, and the Horn of Africa; and

23 Whereas, NATO has welcomed additional allies over its 76-year
24 history, with the accession of the Kingdom of Sweden to the
25 alliance in March 2024 bringing the total to 32; and

26 Whereas, Michiganders have bravely served in the United States
27 Armed Forces and fought for the liberty and safety of all Michigan
28 residents alongside our NATO allies; and

29 Whereas, Michigan's robust defense manufacturing industry is a

1 critical component of Transatlantic security, as it continues to
2 provide cutting edge technology, munitions, and armaments to
3 support the operations of the United States Armed Forces as well as
4 the armed forces of our NATO allies; and

5 Whereas, Michiganders are safer and freer today as a result of
6 the United States of America's role as a founding member of NATO;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
9 this legislative body declare April 4, 2025, as North Atlantic
10 Treaty Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

11 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
12 United States Mission to NATO in Brussels, Belgium.