

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

Reps. Coffia, Rheingans, Arbit, B. Carter, Price, Roth, Wooden and Longjohn offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 21, 2025, as Cherry Industry Day  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan is the number one cherry producing state in  
4 the nation and is the unofficial Cherry Capitol of the World; and

5       Whereas, Michigan hosts the world's largest cherry  
6 celebration, the National Cherry Festival. It takes place each July  
7 in Traverse City, Michigan, welcoming more than 500,000 people to  
8 celebrate and promote cherries, community involvement, and the  
9 Grand Traverse region; and

10       Whereas, The first "Blessing of the Blossoms Festival" was  
11 held on this date in 1926 before evolving into the National Cherry  
12 Festival as we know it today; and

13       Whereas, The United States produces over 610 million pounds of

1 sweet and tart cherries each year, with Michigan producing the  
2 largest tart cherry crop. Approximately 250 million pounds of tart  
3 cherries are harvested each year, with 75% of those coming from the  
4 state of Michigan; and

5       Whereas, Cherries contain powerful antioxidants that may help  
6 fight cancer and heart disease and relieve the pain associated with  
7 arthritis. Tart cherries are especially high in the antioxidant  
8 melatonin, which may help prevent or reduce brain deterioration  
9 associated with aging, and are also high in vitamin A and beta-  
10 carotene; and

11       Whereas, The growth and innovation of Michigan's tart cherry  
12 industry have been bolstered by collaborative efforts among  
13 growers, processors, researchers, and industry-led partnerships  
14 focused on sustainability, promotion, and product development; and

15       Whereas, The growers, processors and merchants continue to  
16 support the Grand Traverse Region with community support and a push  
17 promote the impact and benefits of the cherry harvest; and

18       Whereas, One of the most beautiful sites in Michigan, or  
19 anywhere in the world, during the month of May is the blossoming of  
20 the cherry trees in Traverse City; now, therefore, be it

21       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
22 this legislative body commemorate May 21, 2025, as Cherry Industry  
23 Day in the state of Michigan.