

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

Senator Hoitenga offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate March 5, 2025, as Fred Bear Day.

2 Whereas, Fred Bear worked for Chrysler in Detroit before
3 joining Ford Motor Company as a wood carver, crafting cabinets for
4 radio dashboards and later relocating to Grayling, Michigan; and

5 Whereas, In 1933, Fred Bear founded Bear Archery in Grayling,
6 Michigan, which became one of the largest archery manufacturers in
7 the world; and

8 Whereas, Fred Bear is widely regarded as a pioneer in the
9 archery community; and

10 Whereas, As a passionate advocate for wildlife conservation,
11 Fred Bear promoted responsible hunting practices that respect the
12 environment, wildlife, and fellow archers; and

13 Whereas, Fred Bear's legacy extends beyond archery. He became
14 a cultural icon among outdoor enthusiasts, was featured in the

1 iconic song, "Fred Bear," and numerous films highlighting
2 Michigan's great outdoors; and

3 Whereas, The commitment of Fred Bear to ethical hunting
4 practices and conservation has also inspired countless individuals
5 to appreciate and respect the natural world; and

6 Whereas, March 5, 2025 marks the 123rd anniversary of Fred
7 Bear's birth; now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
9 body commemorate March 5, 2025, as Fred Bear Day; and be it further

10 Resolved, That in recognition of Fred Bear's contributions to
11 archery and conservation, we commit to upholding these values to
12 ensure that his legacy continues to thrive in our actions.