

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5200**

A bill to designate October 28, 2003 as Willie Horton day in the state of Michigan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes the fundamental
2 contribution that Willie Horton has made to the city of Detroit
3 and the state of Michigan through his humanitarian works. Raised
4 in a Detroit housing project, Willie fulfilled a boyhood dream by
5 playing for his hometown team, the Detroit tigers. Throughout
6 his career, Willie has been involved with such organizations as
7 the united way, the boys and girls club of America, meals on
8 wheels, and the foundation fighting blindness. His dedication to
9 helping the youth of his city and beyond has been a hallmark of
10 his playing career and in the years since he left the game. In
11 1967, Willie used his ambassadorship and goodwill to help crush
12 the violence that erupted during the riots in Detroit. In 2000,

1 the Detroit tigers further honored this man by retiring his
2 number and erecting a statue in his image at Comerica park. In
3 recognition of this great man, the legislature declares October
4 28, 2003 to be known as "Willie Horton Day".