

# HOUSE BILL No. 5200

October 22, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Richardville and Waters and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate October 18 of each year as Willie Horton day in the state of Michigan.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. (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 18 of each year to be known as "Willie Horton Day".

5 (2) The legislature encourages individuals, governmental and  
6 educational institutions, and community organizations to pause on  
7 Willie Horton day and reflect upon his accomplishments.