

Reps. Bieda, Sak, Wojno, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Brown, Byrum, Caswell, Condino, Dennis, DeRossett, Ehardt, Farrah, Gillard, Hopgood, Jamnick, Koetje, Kooiman, Law, Lipsey, Meyer, Milosch, Minore, Murphy, Pappageorge, Plakas, Richardville, Rocca, Shackleton, Shulman, Spade, Stakoe, Stallworth, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 313.

A resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, August 1 to October 2, 1944, which recognizes the gallantry of the Polish Home Army (AK) and the courage of countless Warsaw civilians.

Whereas, In July 1944, armed forces of the Soviet Union were advancing from the east, and the Polish Government-In-Exile in London sought to liberate Warsaw from the Nazi occupying power; and

Whereas, The Polish Government-In-Exile wanted to establish a non-communist, post war government in advance of the Soviet occupation of Warsaw and probable establishment of a communist government; and

Whereas, German forces in Warsaw were thought to be minimal and defensive in nature. The decision was made for the Polish Home Army (AK), under the command of General Tadeusz Komorowski, to begin an offensive against German forces in Warsaw; and

Whereas, On August 1, 1944, the Polish Home Army (AK), along with many civilians, attacked German forces. The AK controlled most of Warsaw by August 4, 1944; and

Whereas, Large numbers of German reinforcements arrived in Warsaw, and a lack of assistance on the part of the Soviet Army, as well as the refusal of the Soviet Government to allow American and British aid, led to the Germans retaking most of Warsaw by the middle of August; and

Whereas, The last hold-outs of resistance of the Polish Home Army (AK) began to fall, and a ceasefire was signed on October 2, 1944, after a large loss of human life and the razing of most of Warsaw; and

Whereas, The majority of the population in Warsaw was deported or had lost their lives during the fighting, when the Soviets took control of Warsaw in January 1945; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body remember the courage and sacrifice of the Polish Home Army (AK) and the citizens of Warsaw, who sixty years ago in the face of overwhelming forces, stood against tyranny and despotism.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to his Excellency, Ambassador Przemyslaw Grudzinski at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C. and Polish fraternal organizations located in Michigan.