

Reps. Taub, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Brandenburg, Byrum, Condino, Elsenheimer, Farhat, Garfield, Gosselin, Green, Hildenbrand, LaJoy, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Marleau, Miller, Palmer, Palsrok, Pastor, Proos, Rocca, Shaffer, Virgil Smith, Vander Veen, Waters, Wojno and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 197.

A resolution commemorating March 2006 as Ethnic and Cultural Heritage Month in the state of Michigan

Whereas, The culture of the people in the state of Michigan has continually been renewed and enriched by the many different people who have chosen to come to Michigan, become citizens, and call this state their home for many decades; and

Whereas, Each individual brings with them a part of his or her own heritage. Over time, each heritage becomes part of our common heritage, leading us to become more unified people; and

Whereas, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population large numbers of citizens of numerous descents who, together, make important contributions to our economy and society through their commitment to numerous professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

Whereas, We must foster an interest in the heritage, culture, and history of all people. We must pass that understanding and knowledge on to the next generation, awakening awareness in every American community of the quality of contributions that all types of ethnicities can bring to our modern American lifestyle as we realize that we are all Americans together; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate March 2006 as Ethnic and Cultural Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.