

Reps. Amos, Accavitti, Ball, Baxter, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Brown, Caul, Condino, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Garfield, Gillard, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Jones, Kooiman, LaJoy, Lemmons, Jr., Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Miller, Murphy, Newell, Nofs, Palmer, Pastor, Pearce, Proos, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Sheen, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Virgil Smith, Stahl, Stakoe, Taub, Vander Veen, Wojno, Anderson, Angerer, Espinoza, Farrah, Leland, Mortimer, Polidori and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 212.

A resolution proclaiming March 26, 2006, Support Our Troops Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It was through the brave and noble efforts of our Forefathers that the United States of America first gained freedom and became a sovereign nation. Since the American Revolution, and throughout our country's history, many wars have been fought; many battles have been waged; and many lives have been lost in order to protect our country and our cherished freedom; and

Whereas, In 1938, Congress proclaimed November 11th to be Armistice Day and in 1954, changed the name to Veterans' Day to honor all who have fought bravely in America's wars; and

Whereas, In 1868, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed the 30th day of May to be Memorial Day, in honor of those fine men and women who have given their lives in noble service to our country; and

Whereas, In order to continually protect our cherished freedom, we must always maintain armed forces and be ever vigilant against threats to our nation. For this reason, thousands of American troops are currently stationed around the world on peacekeeping missions, as well as fighting the war on terror. They spend months and years away from family and friends. Moreover, these brave Americans put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe, knowing full-well they may be making the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, Our active troops are remembered along with veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. However, there is no day set aside specifically to honor the men and women who are presently serving our country. These brave men and women, as well as their families, deserve to know that we appreciate all of the sacrifices they are making for this country; and

Whereas, Alexandra McGregor, a student at Waterford Kettering High School, has initiated a Candlelight Recognition to Support Our Troops at Waterford Kettering on March 26, 2006. The ultimate goal is to get our whole nation to observe five minutes of silence at 6:00 p.m., Eastern standard time, in honor and appreciation of our American soldiers currently serving around the world. It is her hope that March 26th could be officially established by the Federal Government as Support Our Troops Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body with thanks and recognition for our active-duty armed forces, wholeheartedly proclaim March 26, 2006, to be Support Our Troops Day in the state of Michigan; be it further

Resolved, That the residents of the state of Michigan are respectfully requested to pause for five minutes at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 2006, to reflect with grateful hearts on the sacrifices being made by our servicemen and women in order to preserve our freedom and our way of life; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage schools, churches, associations, and local governments to organize and promote ceremonies on March 26, 2006, in observance of Support Our Troops Day; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this adopted resolution be transmitted to Alexandra McGregor and Waterford Kettering High School.