

Reps. Moore, Accavitti, Anderson, Ball, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Brown, Byrum, Casperson, Caul, Clack, Farhat, Farrah, Gonzales, Gosselin, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Huizenga, Kahn, Kolb, Kooiman, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, Marleau, Meyer, Miller, Mortimer, Murphy, Pastor, Pearce, Plakas, Proos, Robertson, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Spade, Taub and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 245.

A resolution designating April 29, 2006, as “Dale Earnhardt Day” in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, NASCAR racing legend Dale Earnhardt was born on April 29, 1951; and

Whereas, With 76 victories during his career, including seven Winston Cup Championships, four IROC Championships, 10 wins at Talladega Superspeedway, and 34 wins at Daytona International Speedway, Dale Earnhardt was truly the face of NASCAR. He inspired fans throughout Michigan and the nation with his skill on the track; and

Whereas, Dale Earnhardt won his third straight IROC Race of Champions in 1999 at our state’s own Michigan International Speedway; and

Whereas, Known as “The Intimidator”, Dale Earnhardt, at the wheel of the No. 3 car, created a legacy by amassing many wins. His first career Winston Cup win came on April 1, 1979, at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

Whereas, Dale Earnhardt changed the sport of racing. He bridged past, present, and future generations of fans by upholding the finest NASCAR traditions, while remaining a cutting-edge competitor throughout the entirety of his career; and

Whereas, His tragic death on February 18, 2001, deeply touched countless people. The loss of this great icon of auto racing will be missed at race tracks across the country for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body designate April 29, 2006, as “Dale Earnhardt Day” in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Dale Earnhardt Foundation.