

Reps. Hildenbrand, Sak, Accavitti, Adamini, Ball, Bieda, Booher, Byrnes, Caul, Elsenheimer, Espinoza, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gleason, Gonzales, Gosselin, Hansen, Hopgood, Huizenga, Jones, Kooiman, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, Mayes, McDowell, Meyer, Mortimer, Murphy, Newell, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Robertson, Rocca, Shaffer, Taub, Tobocman, Vander Veen, Wojno, Zelenko, Brandenburg, Casperson, Caswell, Clemente, Green, Kehrl, Lemmons, III, Moore, Nitz, Palsrok, Pavlov, Phillips, Schuitmaker and Spade offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 44.

A resolution honoring Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park for ten years of operations.

Whereas, The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park has developed the cultural identity for the Grand Rapids metropolitan area and the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park emphasizes the importance of art, nature, and environmental education; and

Whereas, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park was established in 1995 under the name of the West Michigan Horticulture Society and has become the second leading attraction within the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park was founded with the aim of exploring the duality between art and nature through its world-class sculpture and landscape design; and

Whereas, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park has served as the most significant outdoor sculpture experience in the Midwest and is home to Michigan's largest tropical conservatory and children's garden; and

Whereas, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is headquartered in the township of Grand Rapids and has amplified its influence beyond the Grand Rapids metropolitan area, consequently increasing the cultural sophistication of Michigan and the Midwest; and

Whereas, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park has positively contributed to Michigan's tourism industry by attracting in-state and out-of-state visitors with its landmark exhibitions and enchanting landscapes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park for ten years of operations. We salute the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park for its commitment to the visual arts, horticulture, and educational excellence and for being one of Michigan's most important cultural resources; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in recognition of our most sincere congratulations for ten years of enriching the lives of the citizens of Michigan.