

Reps. Drolet, Garfield, Pastor and Taub offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 228.

A resolution declaring April 1, 2006, as April Fools Day and Various Unsuccessful Michigan Economic Assistance Organizations Throughout History Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, In 1947, Governor Kim Sigler created the Department of Economic Development (DED); and

Whereas, In 1963, Governor George Romney created the Department of Economic Expansion (DEE); and

Whereas, In 1975, Governor William Milliken created the Michigan Job Development Authority (MJDA); and

Whereas, In 1982, Governor William Milliken created the Michigan Economic Development Authority (MEDA); and

Whereas, In 1984, Governor James Blanchard created the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF); and

Whereas, In 1985, Gov. James Blanchard also created the “Research Excellence Fund (REF) as an arm of the MSF; and

Whereas, In 1995, Governor John Engler created the Michigan Jobs Commission (MJC) and the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) under the MJC; and

Whereas, In 1999, Governor John Engler also created the Michigan Department of Career Development (MDCD) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) from the previously created MJC, and placed MEGA under MEDC; and

Whereas, In 2003, Governor Jennifer Granholm created the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) by combining the MEDC and MDCD, yet retained the MEDC with its quasi-public status as a separate entity; and

Whereas, In 2005, Governor Jennifer Granholm created the 21st Century Jobs Initiative; and

Whereas, In the 59 year history of such state organizations aimed at diversifying and improving our state’s economic climate, we have achieved the enviable economic status we currently enjoy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 1, 2006, to be April fools Day and Various Unsuccessful Michigan Economic Assistance Organizations Throughout History Day in the state of Michigan. We urge all the citizens of Michigan to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.