

Reps. Stakoe, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Gosselin, Drolet, Hildenbrand, Stahl, Ball, Baxter, Brandenburg, Clack, Farrah, Garfield, Kooiman, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Meyer, Moolenaar, Mortimer, Nitz, Nofs, Pearce, Shaffer, Sheltroun and Taub offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 283.

A resolution to urge the Michigan State Board of Education to develop fair and unbiased social science curriculum standards.

Whereas, The Michigan State Board of Education is currently in the process of developing social science curriculum standards. This process will ultimately result in setting standards that will paint a picture that will permanently color the world view of countless numbers of young people. It is a responsibility that must be undertaken in a fair and unbiased manner, without bowing to the shallow altar of so-called social and political correctness; and

Whereas, The development of a curriculum for social studies is a huge undertaking, one that calls for a wide range of inputs and varied points of view. This type of process, however, is also fraught with the potential for abuse by certain groups or causes that wish to see their narrow or biased views canonized as part of the official state educational standards. Clearly, this task is far too important and has far too many long-term consequences to let the process become politicized; and

Whereas, Despite the best intentions of those charged with developing our state's new social science curricula, media reports suggest that certain viewpoints are being considered that run counter to the core beliefs and philosophical foundation of our state and our nation. Controversial and refutable theories and revisionist doctrines have no place in our classrooms. Indeed, the inclusion of such standards would disrespect the hard work, sacrifices, and spirit that have made America the greatest and most envied country in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby urge the Michigan State Board of Education to develop fair and unbiased social science curriculum standards; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State Board of Education.