

Rep. Lemmons III offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 321.

A resolution honoring December 15, 2006, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, According to a 1996 study by the Centers for Disease Control, 16% of over 6,000,000 pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or stillbirth; and

Whereas, Of those over 6,000,000 pregnancies, 62%, or 3,720,000, ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in deaths of infants 11 months and younger; and

Whereas, The availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to the families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and

Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

Whereas, Professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses and employers, can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is created to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost. This day will help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache, and give the families hope for the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor December 15, 2006, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, We recognize the grief of the families and remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost. We wish to help heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache and to give the families hope for the future.