

Reps. Sak, Ball, Bauer, Bieda, Brandenburg, Brown, Byrum, Condino, Constan, Coulouris, Dean, Farrah, Gonzales, Green, Hammel, Hammon, Hopgood, Horn, Rick Jones, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Mayes, Melton, Miller, Opsommer, Palmer, Palsrok, Proos, Rocca, Scott, Shaffer, Stahl, Steil, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine, Warren, Wojno, Agema, Robert Jones, Polidori, Lahti, Cushingberry, Clemente, Pearce Marleau, Leland and Clack offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 198.

A resolution recognizing October 2007 as Polish Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Since 1981, Polish Heritage Month has been celebrated nationwide during the month of October, which coincides with the death of General Kazimierz Pulaski; and

Whereas, Through the efforts of the Polish Heritage Society, the Pulaski Days Committee and the Polish American Congress, we are more aware of the contributions of Polish American citizens to our lives; and

Whereas, Polish Americans have contributed greatly to the well-being of the Greater Grand Rapids Area, the state of Michigan and our country; and

Whereas, The Polish story in America - past, present, and future - is a bond of community. It is the source of the gifts Polish Americans contribute to America and its culture. For over three hundred years, Polish Americans have shared with us their traditional customs, thousand-year-old culture and strong devotion to democracy; and

Whereas, Polish people and their American descendants have distinguished themselves by contributing to the development of arts, sciences, government, military service, athletics, and education in the United States; and

Whereas, The Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791, was directly modeled on the Constitution of the United States and recognized as the second written constitution in history. It is revered by Polish people and Americans of Polish descent; and

Whereas, We know and respect the indomitable spirit and loyal civic involvement of the Polish American people and Pole immigrants. They are Revolutionary War heroes and Nobel Peace Prize winners; and

Whereas, Polish people and their American descendants continue to take great pride in, and honor the achievements of, the greatest son of Poland, his Holiness Pope John Paul, II; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize October 2007 as Polish Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.