

Rep. Miller offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 47.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act.

Whereas, Homelessness is a growing problem in cities across the nation. Lack of affordable housing is a leading cause of homelessness. Other factors include low-wage jobs, mental illness, and the lack of needed services; and

Whereas, The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) was introduced in the United States Congress to address homelessness in this country. The legislation seeks to reauthorize and strengthen the HUD McKinney-Vento homeless assistance programs by consolidating all HUD programs into one competitive program with a broad set of eligible activities, including homelessness prevention, permanent or transitional housing for a homeless population, and supportive transitional services; and

Whereas, The legislation also proposes to codify principles of local control over HUD homeless assistance grant funding by writing the Continuum of Care (CoC) process into law. It also aligns the HUD definition of who is homeless more closely with other federal agencies and protects victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the disclosure of any information collected by a housing or social service provider that could identify them. This act provides a critical piece of a broader strategy necessary to address homelessness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.