

Reps. Terry Brown, Ball, Barnett, Lisa Brown, Constan, Ebli, Geiss, Robert Jones, Knollenberg, Kowall, LeBlanc, Lindberg, Liss, Lori, Mayes, Pearce, Proos, Roberts, Rogers, Segal, Slaven, Spade, Stamas, Tyler, Valentine and Warren offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 267.

A resolution to declare May 25, 2010, as Missing Children's Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Justice, in one year there were an estimated nearly 800,000 children missing; and

Whereas, On average, there is an estimated average of 2,200 children reported missing to law enforcement agencies daily; and

Whereas, 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and

Whereas, The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's recovery rate has grown from 62% in 1990 to 96% of domestically missing children, but too many children still remain among the missing; and

Whereas, This special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 25, 2010, as Missing Children's Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community-based organizations, and families in the protection and education of all individuals about child abduction and sexual exploitation, appropriate protective measures, and ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.