

Rep. Oakes offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 254.**

A resolution to declare May 2012 as Criminal Consequence Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, A criminal record can have a devastating impact on a person's ability to earn a livelihood and often is unable to be expunged; and

Whereas, Those who engage in criminal activity often fail to realize that there are often unforeseen and very severe consequences to their actions; and

Whereas, There are also many collateral consequences as a result of engaging in criminal behavior including loss or restriction of a professional license, ineligibility for public funds including welfare benefits and student loans, loss of voting rights, ineligibility for jury duty, and deportation for immigrants, including those who, while not U.S. citizens, hold permanent resident status; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2012 as Criminal Consequence Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.