

Rep. Singh offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

A concurrent resolution to call on Governor Snyder to recognize the more than 300 marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples on Saturday, March 22, 2014, and to exercise his executive authority and demand that Attorney General Schuette withdraw his request before the U.S. Appeals Court for a stay and appeal.

Whereas, On Friday, March 21, a U.S. District court ruling invalidated Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage and allowed gay couples to obtain licenses to marry. The next day marked a momentous day for over 300 same-sex couples who were able to obtain a license to marry. The joy of this day quickly became one of angst and confusion as these newlyweds continue to face uncertainty of the status of same-sex marriage in this state; and

Whereas, The Attorney General has requested a stay and appeal of the U.S. District Court ruling from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. For these individuals who were granted the long-awaited opportunity to seal their commitment to their partners, the action of the Attorney General exacerbates their anger and frustration with the state's encroachment on their lives. It is time for the Governor to use his executive authority and allow the marriage licenses that already have been issued to be recognized by the issuing counties and by the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The time has come for leaders in this state to listen to the voice of the people of Michigan. Over 57 percent of voters now support same-sex marriage. It is unfair to continue to deny citizens the rights and protections to same-sex couples that are afforded to heterosexual couples. By recognizing those couples who were married on March 22, 2014, Governor Snyder will send a strong statement of equality for all of the citizens of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we call on Governor Snyder to recognize the more than 300 marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples on March 22, 2014. Moreover, we call on Governor Snyder to exercise his executive authority and demand that the Attorney General withdraw his request before the U.S. Appeals Court for a stay and appeal; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Snyder.