

Reps. Haveman, Outman, McCann, Jenkins, Segal, O'Brien, Dillon, Abed, Poleski, Genetski, Barnett, Brown, Crawford, Geiss, Howrylak, Irwin, Lori, Lund and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 23.

A resolution to commemorate the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association on its 125th anniversary.

Whereas, The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) was founded on March 24, 1888, with representation from four colleges – Albion College, Olivet College, Hillsdale College and Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University); and

Whereas, The first athletic event in the MIAA's history, known as Field Day, was held from May 31-June 2, 1888, with competition in track and field, baseball and tennis. Today, the Field Day name lives on as the conference's championship event in track and field; and

Whereas, This year marks the 125th year of continuous athletic competition in the conference, making the MIAA America's oldest collegiate athletic conference; and

Whereas, Nine member colleges, seven in Michigan and two in northern Indiana, now make up the MIAA – Adrian College, Albion College, Alma College, Calvin College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Olivet College, Saint Mary's College (Indiana) and Trine University (Indiana); and

Whereas, Over the years, the MIAA has grown and expanded to include both men's and women's sports, with hundreds of student-athletes competing in 20 sports, 10 for men and 10 for women; and

Whereas, The MIAA has produced 20 NCAA team national champions and 95 individual national champions at the Division III level; and

Whereas, MIAA student-athletes have excelled in the classroom as well as on the athletic field, with more than 940 student-athletes earning at least a 3.5 grade-point average while earning a varsity letter during the 2011-12 academic year; and

Whereas, More than 250 MIAA student-athletes have been recognized as Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors of America and 75 student-athletes have gone on to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships; and

Whereas, MIAA student-athletes compete for the "love of the game" without the benefit of athletic scholarships and more than 80 percent of MIAA student-athletes come from Michigan high schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association on its 125th anniversary.