

Reps. Talabi, Banks, Barnett, Brown, Brunner, Darany, Denby, Driskell, Durhal, Faris, Geiss, Hobbs, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Kivela, LaVoy, Lipton, Nathan, Price, Pscholka, Rendon, Robinson, Rutledge, Segal, Singh, Slavens, Smiley, Stallworth, Stanley, Switalski, Townsend, Yanez and Zorn offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 175.

A resolution to declare June 12, 2013, as Medgar Evers Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Medgar Wiley Evers was a nationally-renowned African-American civil rights activist from Mississippi who led efforts to overturn segregation at the University of Mississippi; and

Whereas, Evers applied to the then-segregated University of Mississippi Law School in 1954, but his application was rejected. He submitted his application in concert with the NAACP as a test; and

Whereas, In the early morning of June 12, 1963, just hours after President John F. Kennedy's speech on national television in support of civil rights case, Evers pulled into his driveway after returning from a meeting with NAACP lawyers. Emerging from his car and carrying NAACP T-shirts that read "Jim Crow Must Go," Evers was struck and killed by an assassin's bullet; and

Whereas, This tragic event became a major catalyst and symbol for the struggle for equality and the civil rights movement. Today, the citizens of Michigan and the United States enjoy access and opportunities that Medgar Evers gave his life to secure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 12, 2013, as Medgar Evers Day in the state of Michigan. We re-commit ourselves to the principles of freedom and equality for all people.