

Reps. LaVoy, Santana, Barnett, Brown, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Potvin, Singh, Slavens and Zorn offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 218.

A resolution to commemorate the bicentennial of Michigan's liberation during the War of 1812.

Whereas, During the War of 1812, the Territory of Michigan was surrendered to the Empire of Britain and became occupied Territory in August of 1812; and

Whereas, Forces of the United States were defeated, with great loss, at the Battles of Frenchtown, in present day Monroe, Michigan in January 1813, which was called a "National Calamity" by then Major General, later President, William Henry Harrison; and

Whereas, Major General William Henry Harrison was forced to call off his winter campaign to retake Detroit and the Territory of Michigan, which remained in British hands; and

Whereas, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry led American Naval Forces to an American victory at the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813, and once again returned control of Lake Erie to the forces of the United States of America; and

Whereas, With supply lines once again open, this made possible the recapture of the Michigan Territory and its return to the control and sovereignty of the United States of America; and

Whereas, The settlement of Frenchtown, present day Monroe, had remained a stronghold for the occupying British forces; and

Whereas, United States forces under the command of Colonel Richard Mentor Johnson from the state of Kentucky led his mounted infantry across the border from the state of Ohio into the Territory of Michigan on September 27, 1813, in what is now Monroe County; and;

Whereas, On that date, the Territory of Michigan once again rejoined the United States of America and came under its jurisdiction, sovereignty, and control, which has remained continuous since that date; and

Whereas, These same forces liberated and occupied Frenchtown on September 27-28, 1813, and Detroit on September 29, 1813; and

Whereas, The retreating British were pushed back into Upper Canada, defeated at the Battle of the Thames on October 5, 1813; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the bicentennial of Michigan's liberation during the War of 1812. We remember the great sacrifices made and the privations suffered by the citizens of the United States and Michigan and proclaim these days as a time of remembrance and celebration to honor those who sacrificed and suffered so that we may today be free.