

Reps. Stamas, Barnett, Brown, Darany, Denby, Driskell, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Howrylak, Kowall, LaVoy, Lipton, Roberts and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 253.

A resolution to declare October 20-26, 2013, as Chemistry Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is important to recognize the significant contribution the business of chemistry makes to the well-being of Michigan and its citizens; and

Whereas, National Chemistry Week is a community-based annual event that unites industry, businesses, schools, and individuals in communicating the importance of chemistry to our quality of life; and

Whereas, Each year, the American Chemical Society, through this effort reaches millions of people with positive messages about the contributions of chemistry to their daily lives; and

Whereas, It is the one time during the year that chemists, regardless of background, unite with the common goal of spreading the word that chemistry is good for our economy, our health, and our well-being; and

Whereas, The theme for National Chemistry Week 2013 is “Energy Now and Forever!” exploring chemistry and energy with a focus on sustainable resources; and

Whereas, This encourages chemists and chemistry enthusiasts to build awareness of chemistry at the local level. Local sections, businesses, schools, and individuals are invited to organize or participate in events in their communities with a common goal to promote the value of chemistry in everyday life; and

Whereas, In Michigan, 96 percent of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry, making this industry an essential part of every facet of our nation’s economy; and

Whereas, Chemistry companies in Michigan directly employ over 28,500 people and indirectly contribute 91,350 jobs to the economy of the state. For every chemistry industry job in Michigan, an additional 3.2 jobs are created within the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan Chemistry Council and its member companies are working to improve and strengthen our communities; and

Whereas, Michigan’s chemistry businesses are increasing industrial efficiency, competitiveness, and helping Michigan develop a bio-economy and green business practices to increase the adoption of new cleaner technologies; and

Whereas, The Michigan Chemistry Council and the American Chemical Society believe National Chemistry Week is an opportunity for government to join forces with chemistry businesses, and the citizens of Michigan to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this legislative body declare October 20-26, 2013, as Chemistry Week in the state of Michigan. We call the attention of all our citizens to this observance with the theme “Energy Now and Forever!”.