

Reps. LaVoy, LaFontaine, Pettalia, Kivela, Geiss, Brunner, Stanley, Dillon, Knezek, Darany, Brinks, Abed, McCann, Kandrevas, Clemente, Potvin, Hovey-Wright, Dianda, Cochran, Driskell, Yanez, Heise, Lamonte, Switalski, Cavanagh, Smiley, Phelps, Segal, Brown, Slavens, Singh, Zemke, Robinson, Kosowski, Irwin, Banks, Barnett, Lane, Faris, Roberts, Oakes, Haugh, Durhal, Talabi, Stallworth, Hobbs, Townsend, Schor, Schmidt, Kowall, Olumba, Kurtz, Daley, Lyons, Pscholka, Nesbitt, Tlaib, Rutledge, Outman, McBroom, Pagel, Price, Crawford, Foster, Santana, Greimel, Denby, Howrylak and Kelly offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 392.

A resolution to declare September 29-October 5, 2014, as French-Canadian Heritage Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, French exploration in the Great Lakes region began with Étienne Brûlé in the early 17th century; and

Whereas, During the subsequent century, Sault Ste. Marie, Michilimackinac, Détroit, St. Joseph, Monroe, St. Ignace, and other settlements formed the first French-Canadian communities west of Montreal; and

Whereas, Communities such as Cheboygan, Muskegon, Alpena, Saginaw, Houghton, and Marquette saw a flourishing of French-Canadian culture during the 19th century lumbering era; and

Whereas, Today Michigan's trade, tourism, and cultural ties to Canada, particularly to Ontario and Quebec, are a continuing and vital part of the French-Canadian story; and

Whereas Today, over 150,000 Michigan residents claim French-Canadian heritage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 29-October 5, 2014, as French-Canadian Heritage week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the House of Representatives join all of those of French-Canadian ancestry in celebrating their heritage and contributions to the state of Michigan on October 3, 2014.