

Rep. Victory offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 187.

A resolution to encourage Michigan's colleges and universities to promote globally comprehensive education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life.

Whereas, The world is increasingly interconnected, economically, politically, and environmentally. Our country's national security, economic interests, competitiveness, and Michigan's future economic success rely significantly on the globally comprehensive education of our future leaders; and

Whereas, Education plays a key role in expanding American students' horizons and heightening global awareness and expertise. Michigan's colleges and universities are uniquely suited to develop this awareness and expertise through foreign language study, study abroad, and faculty exchange programs. Cross-cultural learning and international experience are key components of a diverse educational environment, enhancing both academic and social programs, and preparing our students for life and work in the global economy; and

Whereas, International students also play a vital role by enhancing global awareness and diversity on the campuses of our colleges and universities, where future leaders are cultivated. Foreign students who come to our state for educational opportunities also contribute to our economy. The net economic impact of those students and their families to the state was estimated at over \$758 million in 2010-2011. State and national strategies are needed to ensure our status as a magnet for international students and scholars; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage Michigan's colleges and universities to promote globally comprehensive education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life to ensure that students and future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President's Council, State Universities of Michigan, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan.