

Rep. Farrington offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 214.**

A resolution to recognize the environmental achievements of Ford Motor Company.

Whereas, Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures or distributes automobiles across six continents. With about 177,000 employees and 65 plants worldwide, the company's automotive brands include Ford and Lincoln. The company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company; and

Whereas, Michigan plays a central role in Ford's worldwide operation employing about 40,000 people, the headquarters for global product development, 13 major manufacturing facilities, major test tracks, and annually purchases more than \$15.5 billion worth of goods and services from Michigan based suppliers; and

Whereas, Ford's facilities in Michigan and globally are committed to protecting human health and the environment. Ford's policies require that operations, products, and services accomplish their functions in a manner providing responsibly for protection of health and the environment; and

Whereas, Ford is committed to meeting regulatory requirements applying to its business and regulatory compliance represents a minimum requirement when regarding health and environmental concerns. When necessary and appropriate, Ford establishes and complies with internally developed standards, which often go beyond legal mandates; and

Whereas, Ford's policy of responsibly protecting health and the environment is based on two fundamental principles of protection of health and environment and consideration of potential health and environmental effects as well as future regulatory requirements; and

Whereas, Two of Ford's Michigan-based facilities, Van Dyke Transmission Plant and Engine Manufacturing Development Operations, are being recognized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as Neighborhood Environmental Partners; and

Whereas, The Van Dyke Transmission plant opened in Sterling Heights in 1968. The plant is almost 2 million square feet in size and employs approximately 1,400 people and has been a Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen since 1997. Since its inception the plant has produced a variety of transmissions for a range of Ford vehicles. In August 2012, Van Dyke Transmission added capacity to build a hybrid transmission supporting the Ford C-MAX Hybrid, C-MAX Energi plug-in Hybrid, Fusion Hybrid, Fusion Energi plug-in Hybrid and Lincoln MKZ Hybrid; and

Whereas, Van Dyke Transmission Plant became Ford's first North American transmission plant to achieve zero waste to landfill. In 2012, Van Dyke Transmission Plant recycled 6 tons of paper, 90 tons of wood, and 9,700 tons of scrap metal. From 2010 to 2012, Van Dyke Transmission Plant's efforts reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill by 111 tons. General refuse is now sent to a waste to energy facility, which uses the combustion of organic materials for energy recovery; and

Whereas, Ford's Engine Manufacturing Development Operations located in Allen Park, opened in 1979, encompassing over 220,000 square feet, is a research and development facility building advanced prototype engines. The facility employs approximately 140 people and has been a Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen since 2001. In 2012, Engine Development Manufacturing Operations recycled 43 tons of paper, 68 tons of wood and 23 tons of cardboard; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the environmental achievements of Ford Motor Company. We honor Ford and their

facilities for their outstanding commitment to the health and environment of Michigan and its residents.