

Reps. Kelly, Canfield, Crawford, Heise, Hooker, Howrylak, Lauwers, Maturen, Poleski, Price and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 280.

A resolution to declare May 1-7, 2016, as National Charter Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There have been two decades of progress in charter schools and this is the week to celebrate Michigan's charter school journey; and

Whereas, Today in Michigan, over 150,000 children (about 10% of all students in the state) are being educated in 300 public charter schools, providing new educational opportunities to parents; and

Whereas, Charter public schools encourage innovation and are accountable to the public through their authorizers, including public universities, community colleges, and local and intermediate schools districts, which establish and oversee charter schools; and

Whereas, Charter schools are making great progress in closing the achievement gap for urban, minority, and at-risk children across the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 1-7, 2016, as National Charter Schools Week in the state of Michigan. We honor all of their successes and the important role they play in educating Michigan's young people; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of Public School Academies.