

Reps. Garcia, Canfield, Crawford, Driskell, Heise, LaVoy, Love, Maturen, Phelps, Price, Singh, Webber and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 288.**

A resolution to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and to declare 2016 as The Year of the Economic Developer.

Whereas, The International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

Whereas, Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

Whereas, Economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

Whereas, Economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

Whereas, Economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Whereas, Economic developers work in every county within the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and declare 2016 as The Year of the Economic Developer. We commend the economic development organizations, councils, commissions, and their officers, staff, and members for the thousands of jobs and millions in investment spurred in Michigan by their efforts and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in creating career opportunities and improving quality of life; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the International Economic Development Council.