

Rep. Geiss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 124.

A resolution to declare August 26, 2015, as Cora Belle Reynolds Anderson Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Cora Belle Reynolds Anderson was the first woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, serving one term from 1925 to 1926; and

Whereas, She is also believed to be the only Native American woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives or Senate; and

Whereas, While in the House of Representatives, Anderson concentrated on public welfare issues and was particularly interested in public health issues, especially the fight against alcoholism and tuberculosis; and

Whereas, Prior to her term, she had organized the first public health service in Baraga County and was instrumental in securing the county's first public health nurse; and

Whereas, Anderson was educated as a teacher at the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, which is known today as the Haskell Indian Nations University; and

Whereas, A teacher in the Upper Peninsula for several years at a time when minorities, including Native Americans, were subjected to considerable economic and social discrimination, Anderson's determination to attend college and return the benefits of her education to her community was notable; and

Whereas, Her role as educator, legislator, and public health reform leader aided the Native American community as well as the whole of society; and

Whereas, August 26, 2015, is the 95th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, With its ratification, the 19th Amendment made Anderson eligible to vote and therefore eligible to run for office just five years after its ratification; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare August 26, 2015, as Cora Belle Reynolds Anderson Day in the state of Michigan.