

Rep. Phelps offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 238.

A resolution to commemorate the 162nd anniversary of the opening of the Michigan School for the Deaf.

Whereas, The Michigan School for the Deaf provides educational opportunities for all deaf students to become productive citizens of Michigan and a cultural identity to permit deaf students to learn about and be proud of their heritage; and

Whereas, Michigan School for the Deaf provides a foundation for deaf children to receive an education directly from teachers of the deaf and not through a sign language interpreter with the education tailored for the needs of each child; and

Whereas, Deaf students learn from deaf adults who serve as role models; and

Whereas, Michigan School for the Deaf is a resource center for parents of deaf children. It allows deaf children to become well rounded individuals having access to social, physical, intellectual, communication and education opportunities which leads to successful adults. The school allows deaf children to have a peer group and engage in social and sporting events; and

Whereas, Michigan School for the Deaf is fully accessible and is barrier free. It uses bilingual ASL/English approach in classrooms and daily conversation and is the model for deaf education excellence; and

Whereas, Michigan School for the Deaf students have high expectations to succeed. The school has a rich history, community support, deaf culture, and deaf pride; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 162nd anniversary of the opening of the Michigan School for the Deaf. We commend the members of the Legislature for their valuable contribution to the quality deaf education for the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan School for the Deaf with our highest esteem.