

Rep. Lauwers offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 299.

A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Whereas, The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) was formed on May 23, 1916, when a small group of dairy farmers from Livingston County gathered at what was then the Michigan Agriculture College in East Lansing. They met to establish a stable, reliable market and price for their milk; and

Whereas, The principles established in 1916 of guaranteeing a market and payment for members' milk has laid the groundwork for what is now an integral part of today's dairy industry and Michigan's economy; and

Whereas, While the methods and technology of producing milk are vastly different today than they were in 1916, the strength of the Michigan Milk Producers Association is as strong as the desire of those forward-thinking dairy farmers from 100 years ago; and

Whereas, Through great leadership, the cooperative united a membership of independent-thinking dairy producers from Michigan and the surrounding states; and

Whereas, The MMPA survived and thrived through wars, protests, high interest rates, changes in leadership, criticism from outsiders, and a volatile milk market. The members of the cooperative stood strong, backing their leadership and knowing they would be stronger together; and

Whereas, The leadership has been unparalleled, the dedication has been unequalled, and the result has been a century of trust, commitment, and strength; and

Whereas, For 100 years the dairy farmer members of the MMPA have worked together to provide premium quality milk and have supported our state's economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. We congratulate the organization in its entirety: the members, their leaders, and the entire staff from office to office and plant to plant; and wish them many more decades of success as they continue to work together toward tomorrow to feed and nourish a hungry state, a hungry country, and a hungry world.