

Rep. Darany offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 384.

A resolution to recognize the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and declare December 7, 2016, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, On December 7, 1941, the United States was attacked without warning at Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii by the air and naval forces of Japan. More than 2,000 sailors and airmen died during the attack and another 1,200 were wounded. A swarm of over 300 Japanese war planes descended on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a vicious attack. The attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States into World War II. Despite the surprise element of the attack, many American military personnel responded efficiently during the battle. The day after the bombing, President Franklin D. Roosevelt described the incident as "a date which will live in infamy;" and

Whereas, On December 7, 2016, we honor those who lost their lives 75 years ago and all veterans who have fought to preserve our freedom and democracy. There were more than 400 American planes in Hawaii that day. A total of 188 were destroyed and another 159 were damaged. In total, eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged and four were sunk. The attack also resulted in the sinking or damaging of three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer; and

Whereas, We also recognize the citizens of Michigan who answered their country's call to service on the battlefields and in our factories. Michigan was known as the arsenal of democracy as factories were quickly converted for the production of war supplies; and

Whereas, The events of December 7, 1941, remain upon the memories of the citizens of the state of Michigan, as well as our great nation. The American contribution to the successful Allied war effort spanned four long years and cost more than 400,000 American lives. We remember those who died at Pearl Harbor through their deeds, their devotion to duty, and their willingness to fight for freedom. May this recollection serve not just as a symbol of American valor and bravery, but also as the determination of all Americans in preserving freedom; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and declare December 7, 2016, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We commend all those who fought and those who continue to make sure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.