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HOUSE BILL No. 4126

January 31, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Tedder, Lucido, Leutheuser, Marino, Glenn, Hughes and Love and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate January 26 of each year as "Michigan Day".

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the importance of January 26, 1837, the day this state was admitted as the twenty-sixth state to the Union. In June of 1836, President Andrew Jackson signed the Northern Ohio Boundary Bill, presenting this state with the opportunity for statehood by resolving the boundary dispute with Ohio and granting this state much of the territory in the Upper Peninsula.

(2) Since joining the nation, this state has demonstrated its importance and contributions to the growth of the nation through this state's vast natural resources of copper, lumber, and iron ore to the intellectual and innovative spirit of its citizens. This state is responsible for producing one of the largest varieties of

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- 1 agricultural products in the United States while also being the
- 2 birthplace of many nationally recognized products and services,
- 3 including cereal and meat producers. Education has always been a
- 4 priority, and many of this state's public and private colleges were
- 5 founded early in its history. The State Constitution of 1835 was
- 6 ahead of its time in the establishment of educational institutions
- 7 and libraries. The nation's first university hospital is in this
- 8 state, and this state has one of the original schools for the
- 9 blind. The entrepreneurial spirit has made this state a leader in
- 10 manufacturing with leaders such as Henry Ford, William Durant, and
- 11 the Dodge brothers, making this state the automotive capital of the
- 12 world and the arsenal of democracy.
- 13 (3) In recognition of this historic day and in remembrance of
- 14 all who have contributed to and sacrificed for the success of this
- 15 state, the legislature declares that January 26 of each year shall
- 16 be known as "Michigan Day".
- 17 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
- 18 date it is enacted into law.

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