

Reps. Cambensy, Gay-Dagnogo, Dianda, Chirkun, LaFave, Rabhi, Chatfield, Clemente, Ellison, Geiss, Hoadley, Jones, Liberati, Maturen, Sabo, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 216.

A resolution to declare December 14, 2017, as Frostbitten Convention Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, On a bitterly cold day in 1836, the Frostbitten Convention took place in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and sought to see an end to the Toledo War, which was a dispute between the territory of Michigan and state of Ohio over rightful claim to the Toledo Strip; and

Whereas, A compromise was proposed in the summer of 1836 by then President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, to offer the western portion of the Upper Peninsula along with statehood to the territory of Michigan. The region known as the “Toledo Strip” would be granted to the state of Ohio; and

Whereas, Under the guidance of then territorial Governor of Michigan, Steven Mason, a convention known as the “Frostbitten Convention” was convened in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On December 14, 1836, convention delegates voted to accept the western region of the Upper Peninsula and paved its way to statehood; and

Whereas, On January 26, 1837, the United States Congress granted statehood to Michigan; and

Whereas, To this day the western portion of the Upper Peninsula has led itself to have vast resources within the region. Michigan’s leadership in forestry and the mining of both copper and iron ore have grown exponentially. In this year of 2017, we recognize the 181st anniversary of the Frostbitten Convention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 14, 2017, as Frostbitten Convention Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Marquette Regional History Center and the Peter White Public Library.