

Substitute for House Resolution No. 239.

A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of women's suffrage in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The 63 year effort for women's suffrage in Michigan began in 1855 with a petition campaign; and

Whereas, In 1866, Michigan's first bill to extend the right to vote to women was defeated by one vote in the legislature; and

Whereas, In 1870, the Michigan State Woman Suffrage Association was formed in Battle Creek. That same year, a women's suffrage bill was passed by the Michigan Legislature, but vetoed by the Governor Henry Baldwin; and

Whereas, In 1884, the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association was formed in Flint, and Mary Doe of Bay City served as the first president; and

Whereas, In 1918 Michigan's voters approved a state constitutional amendment by 54.1 % of the vote, extending suffrage to Michigan women; and

Whereas, Michigan women played an instrumental role in achieving women's suffrage both in Michigan and across the country; and

Whereas, The National Suffrage Amendment, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919. Michigan was the second state to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of women's suffrage in the state of Michigan.