

Reps. Santana, Chirkun, Peterson, Cochran, Dianda, Geiss, Pagan, Robinson, Howrylak, Lucido, Hammoud, Cambensy, Liberati, Wittenberg, Moss, Byrd, Yanez, Rabhi, Chang, Brann, Green, McCready, Pagel, Graves, Afendoulis, Iden, Yaroch, Canfield, Lasinski, LaSata, Calley, Love, Allor, Brinks, Faris, Gay-Dagnogo, Greig, Kelly, Maturen, Singh, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 345.**

A resolution to declare May 19, 2018, as Armed Forces Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The United States military has courageously and steadfastly protected our country during times of war and peace since its founding; and

Whereas, The United States Armed Forces have bravely fought for and defended freedom of this nation with remarkable displays of sacrifice and dedication during the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Global War on Terrorism, and countless other campaigns; and

Whereas, Armed Forces Day was created on August 31, 1949, in connection with the consolidation of the military services in the United States Department of Defense; and

Whereas, In his Presidential Proclamation on February 27, 1950, President Harry S. Truman declared that the first Armed Forces Day would be observed on Saturday, May 20, 1950, stating that "it is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying tribute to the Armed Forces as the servants and protectors of our Nation;" and

Whereas, The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor the men and women who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve components; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has always supported and honored the United States military. Many Michigan residents have an honored tradition of serving in the United States military; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan desires to express and demonstrate an appreciation to the men and women who have served in the military and their families who have sacrificed as well, and to the military organization in which they served; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to 589,326 veterans and their families; the 11th largest veteran population in the nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 19, 2018, as Armed Forces Day in the state of Michigan. We call upon the people of Michigan, including businesses, schools, organizations, associations, churches, and the media to create and implement activities to thank, honor, and support the men and women who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.