

Rep. Bellino offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 153.

A resolution to declare September 24-30, 2017, as French-Canadian and Métis Heritage Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The legacy of the French-Canadian and Métis cultures in Michigan can be traced to the earliest French explorers, trade between the French and Native Americans, and missions, and settlements from the 17th century onward; and

Whereas, Archaeological excavations and extant forts, churches, homes, and trading posts from Michigan's French era are found throughout the state; and

Whereas, French-Canadian and Métis agricultural practices deeply impacted the physical landscape in the form of ribbon farms, seen today in the streetscapes of the Detroit River region; and

Whereas, Detroit's Jesuit Pears, known as French Pears in Frenchtown/Monroe, are a living agricultural link to the French era and constitute a unique contribution to regional biodiversity; and

Whereas, The celebration of French-Canadian/Métis cultures in Michigan is enhanced through the identification and display of artifacts, such as the Michilimackinac Rosary, the study of place names, and the recognition of the imprint left by their agricultural practices, logging, trapping, and fishing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 24-30, 2017, as French-Canadian and Métis Heritage Week in the state of Michigan. We join all of those of French-Canadian and Métis ancestry in celebrating their heritage and contributions to the state of Michigan from September 24-30, 2017.