

Rep. Hammoud offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 155.

A resolution to declare October 2017 as 1001 Inventions Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Michigan Science Center will host the award-winning international exhibition: *1001 Inventions: Untold Stories from a Golden Age of Innovation* from October 7, 2017, until January 7, 2018; and

Whereas, Detroit is only the fourth American city to host the exhibit and its presence is the first time in five years the traveling exhibition has made an appearance in the United States; and

Whereas, The 1001 Inventions exhibition explores the legacy of scientific discovery and innovation during the golden age of Muslim Civilization, beginning in the 7th century and showcases the diverse spectrum of bold thinkers and new technologies that were produced by women and men in this multi-faith, multi-cultural civilization, reaching from Spain to China during the period leading up to the European Renaissance; and

Whereas, Detroit is a perfect fit for the exhibition as a recently declared UNESCO city of design and Michigan as a state that was built on innovation; and

Whereas, In the current political climate, an exhibition and a designation like this will help to dispel misconceptions about this period of time and encourage social cohesion and cultural connectedness and inspire young people to explore careers in STEM, particularly under-represented communities; and

Whereas, Designation of the month of October in Michigan to be 1001 Inventions Month will not only commemorate the arrival of this celebrated exhibition, but encourage design thinking and innovation throughout the state to spark the next golden age of innovation in Michigan. The designation of 1001 Inventions Month will encourage Michigan residents to celebrate innovative thinking and spark future innovations across cultures and backgrounds; and

Whereas, This is the first time in the exhibit's 11-year history that its appearance has been totally funded by the local community thanks to the *Friends of 1001 Inventions Michigan*. The *Friends of 1001 Inventions Michigan* selected the Michigan Science Center as a host location in order to aid in the revitalization of Detroit and encourage STEM learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 2017 as 1001 Inventions Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage students, teachers, and Michigan's residents to utilize the exhibition.