

Rep. Sowerby offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 214.

A resolution to commemorate the bicentennial of Macomb County.

Whereas, Macomb County, Michigan's third oldest county, was formally created on January 15, 1818; and

Whereas, The county was named in honor of General Alexander Macomb, a veteran of the War of 1812; and

Whereas, At the time of the creating of Macomb County, it spanned a much larger area than it does today, as large portions of the county were removed to form Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, and St. Clair counties; and

Whereas, Macomb County consists of 27 local units of government; combining urban, suburban, and rural communities. These municipalities include: Armada Township, Village of Armada, Bruce Township, Center Line, Charter Township of Chesterfield, Charter Township of Clinton, Eastpointe, Fraser, Grosse Pointe Shores, Charter Township of Harrison, Lenox Township, Macomb Township, Memphis, Mount Clemens, New Baltimore, Village of New Haven, Ray Township, Richmond, Richmond Township, Romeo, Roseville, Charter Township of Shelby, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, Utica, Warren, and Charter Township of Washington; and

Whereas, Macomb County is the third most populous county in Michigan and home to over 865,000 people and includes three of the eight most populated communities in Michigan in Warren, Sterling Heights, and Clinton Township; and

Whereas, Macomb County is a culturally diverse county with many languages and nationalities represented and celebrated; and

Whereas, Macomb County and its citizens have given much to Michigan through agriculture, the armed services, education, industry, innovation, and natural resources; and

Whereas, More than 18,000 businesses are located in Macomb County that support growing industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, defense, food processing, and health care; and

Whereas, More than 17,000 acres of parks and recreational spaces and 155 miles of non-motorized trails are located in Macomb County, as well as boating, fishing, and swimming opportunities on the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan acknowledges the importance of Macomb County's history and impact; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the bicentennial of Macomb County. We recognize the 200th anniversary of the creation of Macomb County and remember and honor the contributions Macomb County has made to Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the mayor, township supervisor, and village president of all municipalities located in Macomb County, the Macomb County Executive's office, the Macomb County Board of Commissioner's office, Congressman Sander Levin and Paul Mitchell, and Senators Stabenow and Peters.