

Rep. Zemke offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 234.

A resolution calling on Michigan State University President Lou Anna K. Simon to resign immediately or for the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to remove her from the Office of President of Michigan State University immediately.

Whereas, Dr. Larry Nassar has admitted to sexually assaulting numerous young girls, women, and students over years in his position on the Michigan State University (MSU) medical staff and as a sports physician. Over 125 women have accused Dr. Nassar of sexual abuse dating back to 1992; and

Whereas, MSU missed many opportunities to stop Dr. Nassar and protect students, including a 2014 Title IX investigation that President Simon was alerted to, but during which declined to suspend Dr. Nassar, which allowed him to continue assaulting young girls, women, and students for two more years. Over the course of two decades, numerous MSU personnel were made aware of Dr. Nassar's sexual misconduct when victims appealed to them for help; and

Whereas, The lack of leadership and accountability among MSU's highest ranks allowed a predator to continue to abuse, and victims to suffer in silence, for far too long. As university president, Lou Anna K. Simon must ultimately take responsibility for her actions, or lack thereof, and the university culture that allowed this to happen. Michigan State University, one of our state's flagship public universities, and our state deserve better from its leaders; and

Whereas, We owe it to every survivor of Dr. Nassar's abuse and all members of the community to ensure that changes are made at the university to prevent this from ever happening again. The community and state must recover from this national embarrassment and move forward to create a culture where all victims are heard and action is taken against abusers; and

Whereas, We have lost confidence in the ability of President Lou Anna K. Simon to lead a transparent investigation, to implement changes that will ensure it never happens again, to protect students, and to lead Michigan State University forward; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on Michigan State University President Lou Anna K. Simon to resign immediately or for the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to remove her from the Office of President of Michigan State University; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan State University President and the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.