

Rep. Hammoud offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 464.**

A resolution to declare December 10-14, 2018, as International Human Rights Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The current world refugee crisis has over 65 million refugees fleeing war, persecution, and natural disasters, most of whom have traveled thousands of miles in search of safety and security. It is estimated that more than 50 percent of the world's refugees are children. No aspect of a child's life is spared from the effect of becoming a refugee, and they have special needs that must be identified and met; and

Whereas, Education is a key factor for the development of refugee children and integration into their host country or state. Federal education programs, incorporating English language instruction classes along with interpreter services for students and parents, can provide opportunities for all refugee students, regardless of their location. After-school tutoring programs, summer clubs, and parental involvement programs can encourage full participation in school activities and completion of high school. Bilingual and bicultural counselors can serve as mentors in how to navigate poverty, racism, and xenophobia, often encountered in American schools; and

Whereas, The United States should provide assistance to needy refugees to ensure their successful and peaceful integration into American communities. In keeping with the International Human Rights Day, observed on December 10th around the world, the Michigan House of Representatives recognizes December 10-14 as International Human Rights Week. This week is observed to urge a commitment to equality, justice, and dignity beyond all differences in culture, religion, opportunity, or race; and

Whereas, World leaders for peace, like the United States, have a moral imperative to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, including refugee children within our borders. Increased federal funding for educational programs that support refugee children is a vital step in meeting this obligation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 10-14, 2018, as International Human Rights Week in the state of Michigan.