

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.53

Reps. Witwer, Cherry, Chirkun, Haadsma, Hope, Jones, Kuppa, Liberati, Love, Manoogian, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Warren, Whitsett and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare April 2019 as Michigan Student Athlete  
2       Cardiac Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The state of Michigan has lost at least 72 students  
4       to sudden cardiac arrest and related causes since December 1999;  
5       and

6       Whereas, Those students lost include 15-year-old Kimberly Anne  
7       Gillary, a student of Troy Athens High School who suffered a sudden  
8       cardiac arrest in a high school water polo game at Birmingham  
9       Groves High School on April 1, 2000; Kayla Stanford, a student at  
10      Ypsilanti East Middle School, who suffered a cardiac arrest after



1 completing track practice on March 29, 2006; Thomas Noah Smith, a  
2 student of Flushing High School, who suffered a sudden cardiac  
3 arrest on January 29, 2011; and Wes Leonard, a student at Fennville  
4 High school who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest after scoring the  
5 winning basket in a basketball game on March 3, 2011: and

6       Whereas, The families of Kimberly Anne Gillary, Kayla  
7 Stanford, Thomas Noah Smith, and Wes Leonard have established  
8 Foundations (the "Foundations") in the memory of their lost sons  
9 and daughters to try to prevent other families from losing their  
10 sons and daughters to sudden cardiac arrest at school; and

11       Whereas, The Foundations have donated more than 1,100  
12 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to high schools and  
13 intermediate schools in the state of Michigan and have provided  
14 training to teachers and staff on the use of an AED and in CPR; and

15       Whereas, The vast majority of all Michigan high schools now  
16 have at least one AED on site due in part to the efforts of the  
17 Foundations founded by the families and by other concerned  
18 organizations; and

19       Whereas, In the past five years, there have been at least 22  
20 lives saved including 10 students at Michigan K-12 schools as a  
21 result of the use of school AEDs, some of which were donated by the  
22 Foundations and other concerned organizations; and

23       Whereas, As a result of the efforts of the Foundations, the  
24 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the  
25 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) there is an  
26 increased awareness of the importance of more effective pre-  
27 participation screening of our high school student athletes and of  
28 having readily available AEDs in our high schools; and

29       Whereas, The Foundations have worked with the Michigan

1 Department of Health and Human Services to develop the Michigan  
2 HeartSafe School Program and to encourage Michigan high schools to  
3 receive certification as a Michigan HeartSafe School. To date,  
4 there are 442 K-12 schools in Michigan that have received the MI  
5 HeartSafe School designation; and

6       Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has passed legislation to  
7 amend MCL 29.19 to require the governing body of any school in  
8 Michigan for grades K-12 to adopt and implement a Cardiac Emergency  
9 Response Plan for the school; and

10       Whereas, House Bill 4713 was signed into law on February 25,  
11 2014, thereby establishing that it is the public policy of the  
12 State of Michigan that Michigan schools be adequately prepared to  
13 respond to a cardiac emergency on school property; and

14       Whereas, Senate Bill No. 647 was signed into law on December  
15 28, 2016. It is now Public Act 388 of 2016 and requires all  
16 students in grades 7-12 to receive instruction in cardiopulmonary  
17 resuscitation (CPR) before graduation; now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare April 2019 as Michigan Student  
20 Athlete Cardiac Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it  
21 further

22       Resolved, That the people of the state of Michigan are  
23 encouraged to become more aware of the importance of improved pre-  
24 participation screening of our student athletes and the  
25 preparedness of our citizenry and public employees to respond to  
26 the sudden cardiac arrest of our sons and daughters while entrusted  
27 to our public schools in the course of their education; and be it  
28 further

29       Resolved, That the State Board of Education be urged to

1 include provisions in policies and regulations for AED training in  
2 student health education courses and for regular AED drills, so  
3 that students and staff will be better prepared to use AEDs to save  
4 lives in schools and other public places; and be it further

5       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to The  
6 Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, The KAYLA Foundation, The Thomas  
7 Smith Memorial Foundation, The Wes Leonard Heart Team, the Michigan  
8 High School Athletic Association, the Michigan Department of Health  
9 and Human Services, and the State Board of Education as a symbol of  
10 our support.