

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.106

Reps. Anthony, Cherry, Chirkun, Crawford, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Haadsma, Hope, Lasinski, Liberati, Pagan, Sabo, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Warren, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the
2 founding of the city of Lansing.

3 Whereas, The city of Lansing was incorporated in 1859 and has
4 served as a beacon of democracy in the state of Michigan and as a
5 representation of the hardworking spirit of people of the Midwest.
6 Lansing has housed the historic State Capitol building since 1879,
7 at which time Governor Croswell dedicated the building to the
8 people of Michigan and their "lasting taste, spirit and
9 enterprise." Since that time, it has brought together legislators,
10 staffers, advocates, and hundreds of thousands of visitors from all



1 across the state to work together and make Michigan a stronger
2 state. In 1992, the National Park Service designated the Michigan
3 State Capitol a National Historic Landmark, one of only 13 capitol
4 buildings with this designation in the

5 country; and

6 Whereas, It is this spirit of collaboration that has made
7 Lansing a vibrant and diverse community. The city is home to over
8 30 neighborhood associations and more than 60 faith based
9 communities, each with its own distinct flavor and personality. The
10 population of Lansing is currently 116,986 residents, making it the
11 fifth largest city in the state. A simple tour of the streets of
12 Lansing will show neighbors from a wide variety of backgrounds,
13 racial identities, and cultural ethnicities, a fact which brings
14 the community great pride. Residents from all across the Mid-
15 Michigan region are attracted to events and celebrations
16 highlighting our differences as well as our shared values; and

17 Whereas, Lansing's commitment to the arts, music, food, and
18 culture can be seen through the many festivals and fairs occurring
19 each year, including but not limited to Old Town Blues Fest, Common
20 Ground Music Festival, Three Stacks Festival, Capital City Film
21 Festival, and Lansing Jazz Fest. Several historical landmarks and
22 museums remind residents and visitors alike of the value the city
23 adds to this great state; a few of the highlights include the
24 Turner-Dodge House, R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, the Strand
25 Theater, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, and the Capital Bank
26 Tower; and

27 Whereas, This resolution serves as an opportunity for the
28 Capitol Region, home of the 517 area code, and residents across the
29 state, to recognize all that Lansing has to offer; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 the legislative body commemorate the 160th anniversary of the
4 founding of the city of Lansing.