

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.19

Reps. Sneller, Cherry, Ellison, Stone, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson, Lasinski, Hood, Gay-Dagnogo, Witwer, Love, Hertel, Sowerby, Chirkun, Shannon, Neeley, Kennedy, Garza, Sabo, Brixie, Cambensy, Wittenberg, Manoogian, Haadsma, Peterson, Garrett, Kuppa, Hope, Camilleri, Byrd, Pagan and Yancey offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare February 11, 2019, as White Shirt Day  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto  
4 Workers (UAW) as they gather to mark the 82nd anniversary of their  
5 first contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a  
6 reflection of extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination of  
7 those first UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and  
8 improved benefits that have created a positive atmosphere for all

1 of America's working men and women. We remember those historic  
2 members on this anniversary; and

3       Whereas, On February 11, 2019, UAW members and retirees will  
4 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the  
5 famous Flint Sit-Down Strike in 1937. While the members of this  
6 distinguished organization celebrate the 82nd anniversary of this  
7 event, we offer our thanks for the outstanding contributions they  
8 have made to the Flint community, our state, and our nation; and

9       Whereas, The origin of the UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced  
10 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a member of Local 598, first  
11 suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white  
12 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they  
13 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal  
14 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and  
15 strength of UAW members; and

16       Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the members  
17 and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its founders  
18 and the commitment of its workers that have brought them to this  
19 point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be  
20 casting an eye to the future and to the many ways in which United  
21 Auto Workers will continue to serve the working men and women of  
22 this great country; now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24 this legislative body declare February 11, 2019, as White Shirt Day  
25 in the state of Michigan. We commemorate the 82nd anniversary of  
26 the first United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and  
27 commend everyone who has contributed to the UAW's success. We  
28 applaud their accomplishments and thank them for helping to  
29 strengthen and build Michigan's communities, workforce, and

**1** economy.