

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

Rep. Iden offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 11, 2019, as Chaldean American
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Approximately 160,000 Chaldeans reside in Michigan,
4 the largest population outside of the Middle East; and

5 Whereas, The Chaldean population began immigrating to America
6 during the 1920's for better economic, religious, and political
7 freedom, bringing with them a strong work ethic which continues to
8 positively add to the growth of Michigan through the establishment
9 of 20,000 Chaldean-owned businesses throughout Michigan; and

10 Whereas, The Chaldean community has undoubtedly proven their
11 diligent business skills and entrepreneurial spirit with nearly
12 two-thirds of Chaldean American households owning at least one
13 business and 39 percent owning two or more businesses; and



1 Whereas, The Chaldean community contributes an estimated
2 eleven billion annually to Michigan's economy; and

3 Whereas, The Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce currently
4 has 985 members that represent more than four thousand businesses
5 with goals of building community ties, ensuring membership value
6 and advocacy for the benefit of Chaldean people; and

7 Whereas, The Chaldean Community Foundation has promoted steady
8 population growth by providing services to the newly arrived Iraqi
9 Chaldean refugees in efforts to help refugees become contributing
10 members to Michigan through assistance with housing, job placement,
11 language development, and social and government program directives;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare April 11, 2019, as Chaldean American
15 Day in the state of Michigan. We acknowledge the contributions of
16 this innovative and entrepreneurial community as an important part
17 of Michigan's diverse history; and be it further

18 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
19 Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and Chaldean Community
20 Foundation as evidence of our highest esteem.