

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

Reps. Cherry, Sneller, Chirkun, Manoogian, Kennedy, Sowerby, Hood, Warren, Lasinski, Sabo, Brixie, Hoadley, Koleszar, Bolden, Pohutsky, Stone, Ellison, Hertel, Cambensy, Peterson, Kuppa, Elder, Haadsma, Garrett, Yancey, Cynthia Johnson, Coleman, Witwer, Shannon, Tyrone Carter, Tate, Garza, Hammoud, Guerra, Anthony, Camilleri, Rabhi, Greig and Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Senate to pass the
2 Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

3 Whereas, The spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19),
4 also commonly referred to as the novel coronavirus, has resulted in
5 a global pandemic spreading across 146 countries and other
6 locations. In the most serious cases, this respiratory disease can
7 cause pneumonia in both lungs, and the disease seems to have a
8 higher mortality rate than the flu. Across the world, there are at



1 least 164,837 confirmed cases, and at least 6,470 deaths have been
2 reported to date; and

3 Whereas, The President of the United States declared a
4 national emergency in response to the coronavirus outbreak, and the
5 U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public
6 health emergency. Cases have been reported in nearly every U.S.
7 state and territory, and at least 3,602 confirmed cases and 66
8 deaths have been reported across the country. The number of cases
9 continues to grow every day; and

10 Whereas, The coronavirus outbreak has been devastating to the
11 U.S. economy. Businesses and families are doing the right thing and
12 practicing "social distancing" but with devastating consequences
13 for our nation's service industries. Not only has consumer spending
14 dropped precipitously, but the outbreak has caused significant
15 turmoil in U.S. financial markets; and

16 Whereas, The United States House of Representatives
17 overwhelmingly passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
18 (H.R. 6201) to provide emergency economic relief for the American
19 people during the coronavirus outbreak. The legislation would
20 provide for paid sick leave, tax credits for small- and medium-
21 sized businesses, and free coronavirus testing, among other
22 measures; and

23 Whereas, Passing the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
24 would protect the most vulnerable American families and benefit the
25 entire country by implementing measures that bolster the economy
26 and prevent the spread of the disease; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
28 United States Senate to pass the Families First Coronavirus
29 Response Act; and be it further



1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 President of the United States Senate and the Michigan
3 congressional delegation.

