

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.131

Senators Polehanki, Santana, McMorrow, Chang and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 30, 2022, as Invention
2 Convention Michigan Day.

3 Whereas, Invention Convention Worldwide is the go-to global
4 community for firsthand experiences that ignite the spark of
5 innovation, invention, and entrepreneurship in young people; and

6 Whereas, Invention Convention Michigan, an affiliate program
7 of Invention Convention Worldwide, provides Michigan students in
8 grades 3-12 an interactive, science, technology, engineering, and
9 mathematics (STEM) focused and interdisciplinary opportunity to
10 participate in the invention process by first identifying a real-
11 world problem, creating, and then pitching a solution to the

1 problem; and

2 Whereas, Students advance to the Invention Convention Michigan
3 competition after qualifying through Invention Convention
4 competitions at the local or regional levels; and

5 Whereas, Invention Convention competitions are held by
6 individual school districts and seven regional hubs, including
7 Oakland University, Kettering University, Central Michigan
8 University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University,
9 Lakeshore Museum Center in Muskegon, and the Saginaw Intermediate
10 School District; and

11 Whereas, Nearly 800 students from across the state
12 participated in Invention Convention activities in 2021, with more
13 than 200 student inventors qualifying to participate in the
14 Invention Convention Michigan state level competition; and

15 Whereas, Students compete in Invention Convention Michigan for
16 the chance to advance to the Invention Convention United States
17 (U.S.) nationals event; and

18 Whereas, Participants in Invention Convention Michigan are
19 competitively judged, encouraged, and celebrated by engineering,
20 business, legal, and other professionals across a range of fields
21 and disciplines; and

22 Whereas, Invention Convention Michigan participants have
23 strong representation by females, students of color, and students
24 from financially challenged environments; and

25 Whereas, The 2022 Invention Convention Michigan and the
26 Invention Convention U.S. nationals competition will be permanently
27 organized and hosted by the Henry Ford Museum of American
28 Innovation at their historic landmark campus in Dearborn, Michigan;
29 and

1 Whereas, Michigan has a well-deserved international reputation
2 as a center for invention, innovation, and creativity, but also
3 recognizes the importance of entrepreneurial learning for our
4 local, state, and national economies and our global competitive
5 advantage; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
7 body recognize April 30, 2022, as Invention Convention Michigan Day
8 and acknowledge the contributions that the Henry Ford's Invention
9 Convention makes to our great state.