

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.131

Senators Polehanki, Santana and McMorrow 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.