

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Reps. Neeley, Breen, Fitzgerald, Glanville, MacDonell, Myers-Phillips, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Weiss, Wilson, Witwer, Wooden and Xiong offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 11, 2025, 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 88th anniversary of their
5 first contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a
6 reflection of the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination
7 of those first UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and
8 improved benefits that have created a positive atmosphere for all
9 of America's working men and women. We remember those historic
10 members on this anniversary; and

11 Whereas, On February 11, 2025, UAW members and retirees will
12 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the

1 famous Flint Sit-Down Strike in 1937. While the members of this
2 distinguished organization celebrate the 88th anniversary of this
3 event, we offer our thanks for the outstanding contributions they
4 have made to the Flint community, our state, and our nation; and

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

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

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare February 11, 2025, as White Shirt Day
21 in the state of Michigan. We commemorate the 88th anniversary of
22 the first United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and
23 commend everyone who has contributed to the UAW's success. We
24 applaud their accomplishments and thank them for helping to
25 strengthen and build Michigan's communities, workforce, and
26 economy.