Reps. Ebli, Meadows, Warren, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Robert Jones, LeBlanc, Liss, Lori, Marleau, Roberts, Bettie Scott and Smith offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 234.

A resolution to encourage the citizens of the state of Michigan to participate in Earth Hour 2010.

Whereas, Earth Hour 2010 will be observed between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010; and

Whereas, This hour has been designated as Earth Hour to remind everyone that, by working together, a positive impact can be made in the fight against climate change; and

Whereas, Electricity consumption is a significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, Cities and states across the country are joining together to raise awareness and demonstrate our nation's commitment to fighting climate change by turning off non-essential lighting in public buildings to support Earth Hour; and

Whereas, Earth Hour's voluntary approach has captured the world's imagination and become a global phenomenon as evidenced during Earth Hour 2009, when nearly one billion people in more than 4,000 U.S. and international cities turned off their lights to demonstrate their commitment to reducing energy consumption and to encourage the world to take action on one of the most urgent issues facing our planet; and

Whereas, We are setting forth a bold vision for Michigan to work toward solutions to the escalating climate crisis and protect our future and that of future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 8:30 pm. to 9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in the state of Michigan and encourage all residents to participate in the aims and goals of this effort.