

Rep. Calley offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 257.**

A resolution to declare March 2018 as Reading Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives are dedicated to providing a quality education to all the children in Michigan; and

Whereas, The residents of Michigan believe that reading is fundamental to children's development and education. Literacy empowers parents in their role as their children's first teacher; and

Whereas, Children learn to read until Grade 3 then read to learn thereafter. Research shows that children who learn to read by 3rd grade have greater success in school. Students who struggle with reading proficiency are less likely to graduate from high school; and

Whereas, Reading is essential to everyday life, both inside and outside of the classroom. Reading opens doors and allows children to explore the entire world and beyond. Reading is also a cornerstone to building productive contributing citizens, capable of reaching their individualized potential; and

Whereas, We recognize and promote the importance of community and parental involvement in every child's success in school; and

Whereas, The House of Representatives is committed to helping Michigan's children be successful throughout their academic careers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2018 as Reading Month in the state of Michigan.