

Reps. Minore, Zelenko, Clack, Robertson, Gleason, Bieda, Adamini, Farrah, O'Neil, Brown, Whitmer, Accavitti, Anderson, Byrum, Caswell, Condino, Dennis, DeRossett, Ehardt, Gaffney, Garfield, Gillard, Hopgood, Howell, Jamnick, Koetje, LaSata, Law, Lipsey, Meyer, Murphy, Pappageorge, Phillips, Plakas, Rivet, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Shulman, Spade, Stewart, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Waters and Kolb offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 239.

A resolution commemorating Saturday, May 1, 2004, as Law Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for all the hard work, dedication, and commitment from the attorneys of the State Bar of Michigan and the Genesee County Bar Association that we give the highest accolades in celebrating Law Day on May 1, 2004; and

Whereas, Law Day is a celebration of our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law, serving to educate the community about the rule of law and its role in preserving our freedoms; and

Whereas, This is best represented by the Supreme Court case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, whose 50th anniversary takes place on May 17, 2004. This landmark decision propelled the nation's march towards equality. It inspired and gave heart to the civil rights movement. This case ushered in an unprecedented era of progress that is a testament to the legal system's ability to establish and protect our rights. The hard work and dedication provided by attorneys was instrumental in ending legally imposed segregation in the schools, parks, libraries, and all other public institutions; and

Whereas, The hard work of the dedicated lawyers in such cases as *Brown v. Board of Education*, and in hundreds of other milestone cases, demonstrates the highest standards of advocacy in the service of a great cause; and

Whereas, Bar Association members across the state of Michigan and Genesee County celebrate Law Day every May 1 in order to educate the community about the rule of law and its role in preserving our freedoms as well as helping to raise visibility of Law Day and all that it celebrates; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 1, 2004, as Law Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the attorneys at the State Bar Association of Michigan and the Genesee County Bar Association.