

Reps. Byrum, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Brandenburg, Brown, Caul, Clack, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Donigan, Ebli, Farrah, Garfield, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Hopgood, Robert Jones, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, McDowell, Meadows, Meisner, Polidori, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine and Wojno offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 106.**

A resolution celebrating May 2007 as the 94th annual Be Kind to Animals Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Be Kind to Animals Month recognizes those people whose love of animals has inspired them to take action to improve the lives of animals; and

Whereas, Nearly two-thirds of American families with school-age children have at least one pet at home; and

Whereas, During this month, it is especially important to spread awareness about animal cruelty and how to prevent it; and

Whereas, We recognize that there is a strong correlation between those who abuse their pets and those who abuse their spouses and children and it is crucial that people are made aware of the connection; and

Whereas, Cruelty towards animals is recognized as an indicator of a dangerous behavior pattern which often leads to domestic violence or child abuse. By holding people accountable for animal cruelty, we may be able to prevent our children from becoming abuse victims; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and celebrate May 2007 as Be Kind to Animals Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That all citizens of Michigan remember to love and care for their animals during this and every month.