

Reps. Polidori, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Brown, Casperson, Caul, Cheeks, Clack, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Gonzales, Green, Hammel, Hammon, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Johnson, Rick Jones, Lahti, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Nitz, Palsrok, Pastor, Pearce, Proos, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Simpson, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine, Wojno, Bauer, Calley, Hansen, LaJoy, Leland, Meadows, Moolenaar, Palmer, Schuitmaker and Stahl offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 353.

A resolution recognizing May 2008 as Relay For Life Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, More than 51,000 Michigan residents are likely to be diagnosed with cancer in 2008, and more than 20,000 Michigan residents are expected to die from cancer this year. One in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service; and

Whereas, Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will celebrate and honor Michigan residents and their families who have been touched by cancer; and

Whereas, Relay For Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt, a Tacoma, Washington surgeon and American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours; and

Whereas, This signature event of the American Cancer Society has raised more than \$2.5 billion since 1985; and

Whereas, Held throughout the state of Michigan, Relay For Life is a community affair that presents an opportunity for residents to join with family and friends to fight cancer; and

Whereas, This year, scores of Relay For Life events will take place throughout the state of Michigan, with thousands of Michiganders running and walking in teams for 24 consecutive hours, which will raise both money and public awareness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and celebrate May 2008 as Relay For Life Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further,

Resolved, That we thank the participants and organizers of Relay For Life and encourage them to continue their efforts to combat cancer.