

Rep. Opsommer offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 296.

A resolution to recognize and honor the ten Michigan residents who will join with athletes from around the country in representing the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Whereas, Every four years, athletes from around the world come together in a spirit of goodwill and unity competing in events which test speed, strength, endurance, and dexterity; and

Whereas, The athletes who compete in the Olympics represent the very best each country has to offer. These men and women have devoted themselves to relentlessly pursuing an elusive mastery of their athletic craft; and

Whereas, These Olympians stand as symbols of their home country's pride and promise and are living embodiments of their countrymen's hopes and patriotism; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has a history of producing gifted and remarkable athletes who proudly and ably represent our state and nation in competitions around the globe; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is proudly sending ten men and women to represent the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London; and

Whereas, Betsey Armstrong of Ann Arbor, a graduate of Huron High School and the University of Michigan, will represent the United States in women's water polo; and

Whereas, Tia Brooks of Grand Rapids, a graduate of East Kentwood High School, will represent the United States in the women's shot put; and

Whereas, Geena Gall of Grand Blanc, a graduate of Grand Blanc High School and the University of Michigan, will represent the United States in the women's 800-meter track competition; and

Whereas, Tom Peszek of Farmington Hills, a graduate of Farmington High School and the University of Michigan, will represent the United States in the men's eight rowing competition; and

Whereas, Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford, a graduate of Rockford High School, will represent the United States in the men's 10,000-meter track competition; and

Whereas, Allison Schmitt of Canton, a graduate of Canton High School, will represent the United States in the women's 200-meter and 400-meter freestyle swimming competitions, as well as 400-meter and 800-meter freestyle swimming relays; and

Whereas, Claessa Shields of Flint, a current student at Northwestern High School, will represent the United States in women's welterweight boxing; and

Whereas, Daryl Szarenski of Saginaw, a graduate of Swan Valley High School, will represent the United States in the men's 10-meter air pistol competition; and

Whereas, Peter Vanderkaay of Rochester, a graduate of Adams High School and the University of Michigan, will represent the United States in the men's 400-meter freestyle swimming competition; and

Whereas, Jordyn Wieber of DeWitt, a current student at DeWitt High School, will represent the United States in women's artistic gymnastics; and

Whereas, It is with great pride that the state of Michigan sends these ten outstanding athletes to London to represent our great nation in the 2012 Summer Olympics; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and honor the ten Michigan residents who will join with athletes from around the country in representing the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics. We commend their

commitment to athletic excellence. They have demonstrated they are among the greatest athletes in the world, and, in so doing, have shown themselves worthy of representing the United States and their native state in these Olympic games.