

Reps. Lindberg, Darany, Byrum, Yonker, Hovey-Wright, Hammel, Liss, Dillon, Kandrevas, McBroom, Barnett, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Horn, LeBlanc, Slavens, Switalski, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 287.

A resolution to declare June 17–23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

Whereas, Amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

Whereas, Amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

Whereas, These amateur radio's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan also recognizes the services amateur radio's people also provide to our many civilian Emergency Response organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, These same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

Whereas, Amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the wake of Hurricane Irene, the paralyzing October Blizzard that hit the Northeast and Atlantic Seaboard; and

Whereas, The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the USA; and

Whereas, The ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2012 and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 17–23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.