Representative Hammel offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 191.

A resolution to declare April 21-28, 2012, as Money Smart Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's program, "Money Smart Week", is an annual event that takes place April 21-28, 2012; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is located in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's district; and

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has a branch office in Detroit; and

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has conducted Money Smart Week in Michigan for the past eight years; and

Whereas, Financial institutions, government entities, community-based and faith-based organizations throughout Michigan work together to make Money Smart Week a success; and

Whereas, Money Smart Week consists of numerous financial training sessions throughout the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Over six thousand Michigan residents benefited from Money Smart Week programs last year; and

Whereas, Over two hundred and fifty Money Smart Week programs took place throughout the state of Michigan last year; and

Whereas, Money Smart Week programs took place in Alcona, Antrim, Calhoun, Emmet, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston, Marquette, Muskegon, Wayne and Wexford counties last year; and

Whereas, Money Smart Week is a model for similar programs throughout the nation; and Whereas, Improved financial training promotes individual responsibility for financial affairs; and

Whereas, Improved financial training promotes knowledgeable citizens, stronger communities and a more perfect state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 21-28, 2012, as Money Smart Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Ingham County Treasurer with our highest esteem.