

Rep. Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to declare the week of March 20 through March 26, 2011, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Homeschooling is the fastest-growing educational trend in the United States, growing by an estimated 15 percent per year with over 2 million children nationwide now in a homeschool program; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long recognized that parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children; and

Whereas, Homeschooling provides young people with a strong foundation of values and academic skills needed to become responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents understand they are to be the primary educators and know that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents know that teaching morals and values is essential to the complete education of the student since every member of society continually makes moral decisions; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents are dedicated to producing academically-strong students who also commit themselves to service, with studies demonstrating that homeschool students have a stronger understanding and higher participation rate in the governmental system and elections, and a significantly higher percentage are involved in community organizations; and

Whereas, Numerous individuals of note are products of homeschooling, including George Washington, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Agatha Christie, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

Whereas, Homeschoolers come from a diverse number of socioeconomic backgrounds and are from a variety of races and creeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare the week of March 20 through March 26, 2011, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan.