

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 53.

A resolution to memorialize Congress and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency to make it illegal to possess, use, or sell the drugs MDPV and mephedrone.

Whereas, MDPV (methylenedioxypyrovalerone) and mephedrone are the main ingredients of underground drug products being marketed as "bath salts" or "plant food," and which are being sold online, at convenience stores, and in smoke shops under names like Tranquility, Zoom, Ivory Wave, Red Dove, and Vanilla Sky. According to numerous reports, the chemicals found in these bath salts and plant foods cause effects similar to those caused by cocaine and methamphetamines, including hallucinations, paranoia, and suicidal thoughts. In one case a user was reported to have resorted to self-mutilation after abusing the substance. In several cases, users have died after overdosing or because of violent behavior; and

Whereas, Law enforcement personnel need the authority to get MDPV and mephedrone off the streets and prosecute people who are trying to profit from selling these dangerous drugs. State and local law enforcement officials in dozens of states have encountered MDPV or mephedrone in the last two years. Absent restrictions on their possession, use, or sale, law enforcement can only watch as MDPV and mephedrone abuse becomes more widespread; and

Whereas, MDPV and mephedrone should be placed in schedule 1 of the federal controlled substances list. Schedule 1 is reserved for the most dangerous drugs, such as heroin and LSD, which have no recognized medical use and a high potential for abuse. MDPV and mephedrone meet the statutory requirements for placement into schedule 1 and belong in this group; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency to make it illegal to possess, use, or sell the drugs MDPV and mephedrone; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.