

Rep. Knollenberg offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 59.

A resolution to declare April 2011 as Youth Financial Literacy Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The informed use of credit and other financial products and services benefits individual consumers and promotes economic growth; and

Whereas, Financial literacy and learning these skills at an early age encourages greater economic self-sufficiency, higher levels of successful homeownership, and enhanced retirement security, particularly among low- and moderate-income citizens; and

Whereas, The past decade has seen declining personal savings rates, increased bankruptcy filings, soaring home foreclosures, and rising percentages of family income devoted to servicing household debt; and

Whereas, Given the current economic conditions facing Michigan, personal financial education and money management skills are crucial to ensure that our young people are prepared to manage credit and debt and become responsible workers, heads of households, homeowners, investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and productive citizens; and

Whereas, The young people of our state represent the nation's single greatest resource who, in the years ahead, will assume leadership positions and responsibility for advancement of our society; and

Whereas, Youth Financial Literacy Month highlights the commitment of credit unions throughout the nation to strengthen the financial knowledge of our youth and to prepare them for a fiscally-responsible future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2011 as Youth Financial Literacy Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage raising public awareness about the need for increased financial literacy in our schools and among our children and the serious problems that are associated with a lack of understanding of personal finances; and be it further

Resolved, That we call on each parent, school, business, community organization, and unit of government to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.