

Rep. Hammel offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 61.

A resolution to declare May 1, 2011, as Law Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Our legal institutions and system of justice depend on popular participation and support to maintain legitimate authority; and

Whereas, Americans from all walks of life, public figures and private individuals alike, have reaffirmed in words and deeds our national allegiance to the rule of law; and

Whereas, Lawyers and judges recognize that they bear a special responsibility to foster public understanding of law and legal institutions and commitment to the rule of law; and

Whereas, Law Day has been an annual observance since President Dwight Eisenhower established it in 1958 as 'a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law'; and

Whereas, Law Day 2011 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges that confront our world--and the law--in the 21st century, while reaffirming enduring legal traditions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 1, 2011, as Law Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the citizens, schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic, and service organizations of the state of Michigan are encouraged to use this occasion to commemorate Law Day.