

Representative Lyons offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 84.

A resolution to recognize the Children's Trust Fund and the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event for their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Begun in 2003 as an auction event and inaugurated in 2011 as the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event, the annual fundraiser is essential to generating revenue in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and giving all children in our state the opportunity to succeed; and

Whereas, Organized by the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), this event commemorates the memory of Pam Posthumus, CTF board member in 1997 and board chair in 2002 who dedicated her life toward improving the lives of all children and who was, during her lifetime, a tireless advocate and champion for Michigan's children; and

Whereas, As Michigan's only statewide nonprofit organization solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, CTF has raised more than \$60 million to support programs that have affected more than 6 million children and families; and

Whereas, CTF's efforts and its signature auction event are even more essential today as families and children face great challenges, with 350 children victimized by abuse and neglect every day; and

Whereas, In light of the seriousness of this problem today and the magnitude of our challenge in the days ahead, this Legislature is committed to joining forces with all parties to protect our children, further urging our citizens, businesses, community organizations and others to join us in supporting the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event on May 18, starting at 5 p.m. at the Lansing Center; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the Children's Trust Fund and the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event for their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in the state of Michigan. We acknowledge the importance of its function in protecting our children and extend to all those associated with the CTF and the auction event our sincere appreciation for their commitment to this important cause; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Children's Trust Fund with our highest esteem.