

Reps. Denby, Barnett, Brown, Constan, Cotter, Daley, Heise, Horn, Kowall, Kurtz, Liss, Lori, Poleski, Rogers, Santana, Segal, Shaughnessy, Slavens, Stamas and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 120.

A resolution to declare September 10, 2011, as Soybean Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Soybeans are the second largest agricultural crop in Michigan; and

Whereas, Michigan's total economic impact of soybean farming in 2010 was \$1.25 billion, of which over \$1 billion was in direct activity and \$240 million was in related industries and general spending in the economy; and

Whereas, Processed soybeans are used in many products including adhesives, antibiotics, fuel, candles, crayons, lotions, inks, paints, hygiene products and many more products; and

Whereas, Dr. Louis E. May of Livingston County has researched and discovered the medicinal benefits of the soybeans for human consumption. These benefits include weight control, hormone therapy and cholesterol reduction; and

Whereas, The Fowlerville Agricultural Society is promoting the economic and health benefits of the soybean through an educational two-day festival located at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds; and

Whereas, The Fowlerville Agricultural Society will continue to support the soybean industry throughout Livingston County and beyond by hosting the annual Michigan Soybean Festival; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 20, 2011, as Soybean Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we support the Fowlerville Agricultural Society, the Soybean Festival, and soybean farmers. We encourage communities to appropriately recognize the importance of soybeans on the economy of Michigan.