

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 155.**

A resolution to declare November 16, 2011, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, Chronic lung disease, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), is a slow, progressive, and irreversible disease of the airways that affects over 16 million Americans; and

Whereas, COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the nation; and

Whereas, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease cost the United States an estimated \$32 billion a year; and

Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 16, 2011, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the citizens of Michigan use this opportunity to be aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect it.