

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 243.**

A resolution to declare October 20-26, 2013, as Respiratory Care Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Respiratory care practitioners across Michigan will celebrate Respiratory Care Week; and

Whereas, Respiratory care practitioners are well-educated and highly trained health professionals committed to providing the highest quality patient care; and

Whereas, Respiratory care practitioners work in all arenas of health care from the emergency room, critical care units, medical and surgical units, diagnostics, skilled nursing facilities, and home health care; and

Whereas, Respiratory care is an honorable profession and is vital to sustaining high standards of health care; and

Whereas, The number of people affected by chronic lung disease is staggering and it costs Michigan citizens millions annually in hospitalization, physicians visits, and other medical expenses; and

Whereas, Respiratory care practitioners endeavor to educate the public in prevention and early detection of lung disease and encourage family physicians to utilize early screening; and

Whereas, Both state and national observances of this week will focus on increasing public awareness and importance of early detection of chronic lung disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 20-26, 2013, as Respiratory Care Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That respiratory care practitioners across this state be commended for their outstanding contributions to health care.