

Rep. Johnson offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 330.

A resolution to declare March 31-April 6, 2014, as Angus Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, George Grant transported the first four Angus bulls from Scotland to Kansas in 1873. He crossed the bulls with native Texas Longhorn cows. The Angus crosses wintered better and weighed more the next spring in the first demonstration of the breed's value in their new homeland; and

Whereas, Angus is the most numerous breed of beef cattle in the United States of America today. Angus are naturally polled, a docile breed, and relatively hardy. Cows calve easily and have excellent maternal instincts. Angus beef is renowned for its fine marbling texture and superb eating qualities; and

Whereas, Angus breeders across the U.S.A. grossed more than \$265 million in cattle sales in 2013. Angus bulls sold for an average of \$4,398 per head, and females averaged \$3,598 per head. Certified Angus Beef (CAB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Angus Association formed in 1978, is the most successful branded beef program in history. In 2013, the CAB brand achieved a seventh consecutive sales record, totaling 865 million pounds; and

Whereas, The Michigan Angus Association was organized in 1914 with eight charter members under President Sidney Smith of Hunters Creek. The association charged annual membership dues of one dollar. Since 1940, Michigan Angus Association has held annual consignment sales in both the spring and the fall to provide a steady market for its breeders to sell Angus seed stock; and

Whereas, The first Michigan Angus Futurity was held in 1958. This annual show and sale continues today in its 56th year as the most successful Angus merchandising event for all breeders in the state. The Michigan Angus Association has sponsored an annual field day and picnic since 1949 to provide a summer educational program and an opportunity for members to network and socialize. The association maintains a dynamic website which includes a listing of 125 members and free advertising posts for members to promote their cattle for sale. The website also lists 29 breeders who offer locally raised Angus Freezer Beef directly to consumers; and

Whereas, The Michigan Angus Association celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014 by sponsoring Angus promotion and networking events conducted by members throughout the state all year long. The association's mission is: "To enhance the Angus Brand via marketing, youth development, and educational and social opportunities."; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 31-April 6, 2014, as Angus Week in the state of Michigan. We wish them well in their continued efforts as they celebrate their centennial year.