

Rep. Santana offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 117.

A resolution to commemorate the 314th anniversary of the founding of the city of Detroit.

Whereas, The city of Detroit was founded in 1701 by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac as Fort Ponchartrain as a French settlement on the Detroit River; and

Whereas, Detroit is the largest city in Michigan, home to nearly 700,000 people; and

Whereas, Detroit is the seat of Wayne County, and also served as the capital of Michigan from 1805 to 1847; and

Whereas, Detroit has a long and storied history, from its role in the fur trade of the eighteenth century to the birth of the auto industry in the twentieth century. It has been called the "Paris of the Midwest" for its rich architecture and the "Arsenal of Democracy" for its industrial prowess during World War II. Detroit has been called the City of Trees, the City of the Straits, The Renaissance City, Hitsville, USA, Hockeytown, The Motor City, Motown, The D, and The 313; and

Whereas, Detroit has suffered through hardships, but remains a vibrant city. It has beloved sports teams, cultural institutions, and a growing business sector. Detroiters, along with the city itself, are known for their resilience, as encapsulated in the city's motto, *speramus meliora, resurget cineribus*, meaning "we hope for better things, it will rise from the ashes"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 314th anniversary of the founding of the city of Detroit.