

Rep. Kelly offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 8.

A resolution to declare January 22-28, 2017, as School Choice Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, All children in Michigan should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and

Whereas, Citizens across Michigan agree that improving the quality of education and expanding access to highly-effective schools should be issues of importance to our state's leaders; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children to be successful in a global economy; and

Whereas, There are a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Michigan has many outstanding teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools across the state who are committed to educating children; and

Whereas, The vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

Whereas, Research in Michigan and across the nation demonstrates conclusively that providing parents with multiple schooling options improves academic performance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare January 22-28, 2017, as School Choice Week in the state of Michigan. We call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the National School Choice Week organization with our highest esteem.