Reps. Vaupel, Crawford and Allor offered the following concurrent resolution:

A concurrent resolution to declare Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) a critical health issue, commit the Legislature to action, and encourage the Governor to direct agencies to assess and report progress on reducing ACEs.

Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are now widely recognized as a dominant factor in the current and future well-being of children due to the harmful effects of toxic stress related to abuse (including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse), neglect (including physical and emotional neglect), and various family dysfunctions; and

Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and future health issues and conditions has an evidence-based foundation starting with the groundbreaking ACE study conducted collaboratively between
the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
Kaiser Permanente. This study has been cited more than 17,000 times
in peer-reviewed scientific research articles; and

Whereas, The growing body of evidence on the science of human
development incorporates research findings on ACEs and the long-
term neurobiological, biomedical, and epigenetic consequences of
toxic stress; and

Whereas, National and state surveys indicate that as many as
70 percent of Michigan adults had at least one ACE during their
childhood and as much as 20 percent of Michigan’s adult population
had four or more ACEs; and

Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and the current
prevalence of chronic disease, addictive behaviors, and related
conditions is now recognized by many as a major public health
crisis. Nationwide, these conditions and illnesses cost billions of
dollars in resources and reduce lifetime expectancy, and they all
have their roots in childhood trauma; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
concurring), That we declare that ACEs constitute a critical health
issue in Michigan and commit to an ongoing strategy to
significantly reduce ACEs in Michigan through legislative
leadership, legislative acts, appropriations, reporting, and
oversight; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the Governor to issue an executive
directive that would require administrating agencies to assess if
the implementation of their programs reduces ACEs and provide an
annual state report and data to the Legislature and general public
about progress in reducing ACEs in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
Governor of the State of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.