

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Reps. Hornberger, Allor, Bollin, Gay-Dagnogo, Kahle, Leutheuser, Liberati, Marino and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize January 27-February 2, 2019, as
2 Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, There are 51,011 students attending 224 Catholic
4 elementary and high schools throughout our great state; and

5 Whereas, The Constitution of Michigan states that "Religion,
6 morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the
7 happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall
8 forever be encouraged"; and

9 Whereas, Catholic school parents pay tuition in addition to
10 supporting public schools through their taxes; and

11 Whereas, Catholic schools comply with the same health, safety,

1 and general welfare regulations required of public schools; and

2 Whereas, The viability of Catholic schools should be
3 encouraged so that declines in Catholic school enrollment, which
4 necessitate increases in public expenditures in the School Aid
5 Fund, can be avoided; and

6 Whereas, Catholic schools instill a broad, values-based
7 education, emphasizing the lifelong development of moral,
8 intellectual, and social values in young people, making them
9 responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

10 Whereas, Catholic schools educate many students who are non-
11 Catholic, many students who are economically disadvantaged, and
12 that a good education remains the single best way out of poverty;
13 and

14 Whereas, With their traditionally high academic standards,
15 high graduation rates, and commitment to community service,
16 Catholic schools and their graduates make a positive contribution
17 to society; and

18 Whereas, January 27-February 2, 2019, has been designated as
19 Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Learn.
20 Serve. Lead. Succeed." as denoted by the National Catholic
21 Educational Association and the United States Conference of
22 Catholic Bishops; and

23 Whereas, The common good of the state of Michigan is
24 strengthened through the continued existence of Catholic schools;
25 and

26 Whereas, Catholic schools seek to form a supporting
27 partnership with each student's family, encouraging the involvement
28 of parents in the education of their children, so that Catholic
29 schools are part of a solution to form productive lives for future

1 generations; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body recognize January 27-February 2, 2019, as
4 Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan. We support the
5 continued dedication of Catholic schools across Michigan toward
6 academic excellence and the key role Catholic schools play in
7 promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for students;
8 and be it further

9 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
10 Michigan Catholic Conference with our highest esteem.