

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.273

Reps. Koleszar, Breen, Haadsma, Sowerby and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 30, 2022, as Invention
2 Convention Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Invention Convention Worldwide is the go-to global
4 community for firsthand experiences that ignite the spark of
5 innovation, invention, and entrepreneurship in young people; and

6 Whereas, Invention Convention Michigan, as an affiliate
7 program of Invention Convention Worldwide, provides Michigan
8 students in grades 3-12 an interactive, STEM-focused and
9 interdisciplinary opportunity to participate in the invention
10 process by identifying a real-world problem, and creating and
11 pitching a solution to that problem; and

12 Whereas, Students advance to the Invention Convention Michigan

1 competition after qualifying through Invention Convention
2 competitions at the local or regional levels; and

3 Whereas, Invention Convention competitions are held by
4 individual school districts and seven regional hubs, including
5 Oakland University, Kettering University, Central Michigan
6 University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University,
7 Lakeshore Museum Center in Muskegon, and the Saginaw Intermediate
8 School District; and

9 Whereas, Nearly 800 students from across the state
10 participated in Invention Convention activities in 2021, with more
11 than 200 student inventors qualifying to then participate in the
12 Invention Convention Michigan state-level competition; and

13 Whereas, Students will be competing in the Invention
14 Convention Michigan for the chance to advance to the Invention
15 Convention U.S. Nationals event; and

16 Whereas, Participants in Invention Convention Michigan are
17 competitively judged, encouraged, and celebrated by engineering,
18 business, legal, and other professionals across a range of fields
19 and disciplines; and

20 Whereas, Participants in Invention Convention Michigan have
21 strong representation by females, students of color, and students
22 from financially challenged environments; and

23 Whereas, The 2022 Invention Convention Michigan and the
24 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals competitions will be
25 permanently organized and hosted at the Henry Ford Museum of
26 American Innovation on The Henry Ford's National Historic Landmark
27 campus in Dearborn, Michigan; and

28 Whereas, Michigan enjoys a well-deserved international
29 reputation as a center for invention, innovation, and creativity;

1 and

2 Whereas, The State of Michigan recognizes the importance of
3 innovation, invention and entrepreneurial learning to our local,
4 state and national economies and our global competitive advantage;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare April 30, 2022 as Invention
8 Convention Michigan Day in the state of Michigan. We hereby
9 acknowledge the contributions that this event makes to our great
10 state.