

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

Senators Theis, Victory, Bizon, Horn, Barrett, Nesbitt, Daley, MacDonald, Lauwers, LaSata, Bumstead, McBroom, Runestad, Zorn, VanderWall, Shirkey, Johnson, Outman, Schmidt and Stamas offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 17-21, 2021, as Michigan Home
2 Education Week.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is committed to excellence in
4 education; and

5 Whereas, Michigan law affirms that it is the natural,
6 fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and
7 direct the care, teaching, and education of their children; and

8 Whereas, Research demonstrates that educational alternatives
9 and direct family participation improve academic performance

1 conclusively; and

2 Whereas, Families engaged in home-based education are not
3 dependent on public, tax-funded resources for their children's
4 education, saving Michigan taxpayers thousands of dollars annually;
5 and

6 Whereas, Educating children at home was the predominant form
7 of education during much of our nation's history; and

8 Whereas, Home education has a long history of success in our
9 country, producing such notable Americans including George
10 Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Quincy Adams,
11 John Marshall, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Helen
12 Keller, Clara Barton, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
13 George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, Frank Lloyd Wright, John Philip
14 Sousa, and Tim Tebow among many others; and

15 Whereas, Michigan's home educated students are equipped to be
16 successful, informed, engaged, ethical, and productive citizens who
17 enrich our society and contribute to the well-being of our state;
18 and

19 Whereas, Michigan parents who home educate their children at
20 their own expense dedicate their time and talents to ensure that
21 their child's academic, physical, psychological, social, and
22 emotional needs are met, and are, therefore, to be commended for
23 their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
25 recognize May 17-21, 2021, as Michigan Home Education Week; and be
26 it further

27 Resolved, That we call this observance to the attention of all
28 our citizens; and be it further

29 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the

1 Michigan Christian Homeschool Network with our highest esteem.