

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.197

Rep. Coleman offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare November 28, 2021, as Albanian  
2 American Heritage Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, On November 28th, 1912, Albanian hero, Ismail Qemali,  
4 quickly gathered delegates to Vlora, Albania, to approve the  
5 Declaration of Independence and secure Albania's status as an  
6 independent nation free from foreign control or influence; and

7       Whereas, Independent Albania, a lifelong dream of a people  
8 subjected to hundreds of years of occupation, the All-Albanian  
9 Congress constituted a National Assembly to join the world as a  
10 modern nation-state; and

11       Whereas, The Declaration of Independence concurrently  
12 witnessed the raising of the modern Skanderbeg flag signifying the  
13 existence of a unified and independent Albania; and

1       Whereas, Michigan's Albanian American citizens enrich our  
2 communities and bring their unique culture and traditions to our  
3 great state; and

4       Whereas, Members of the Albanian American community contribute  
5 greatly to this state as business owners, skilled professionals,  
6 community leaders, and engaged citizens; and

7       Whereas, November 28th, 2021 marks the 109th anniversary of  
8 the realization of an independent Albania; now, therefore, be it

9       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
10 this legislative body declare November 28, 2021, as Albanian  
11 American Heritage Day in the state of Michigan. We thank those  
12 individuals of Albanian heritage for the important contributions  
13 they have made to our state and our country.