

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.273

Rep. Koleszar 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
13 competition after qualifying through Invention Convention

competitions at the local or regional levels; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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