HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.142

Reps. Jaime Greene, Alexander, Johnsen, DeSana, Friske, Markkanen, Cavitt, Harris, Rigas, Smit, Thompson, Posthumus, Borton, Meerman, Schriver, Fox and Beeler offered the following resolution:

A resolution to declare October 1-7, 2023, as Homeschool Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Our state recognizes the importance of education in shaping the future of its citizens; and

Whereas, Section 380.10 of the Michigan Constitution states:

"It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children"; and

Whereas, Homeschooling is an essential form of education that

allows parents and guardians to take a more direct role in their

children's learning; and

Whereas, Homeschooling provides an opportunity for 1 individualized instruction tailored to the unique needs and 2 abilities of each student; and 3 Whereas, Homeschooling families contribute significantly to 4 5 the educational landscape of Michigan, fostering a sense of 6 community and diversity; now, therefore, be it 7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of 8 this legislative body declare October 1-7, 2023, as Homeschool Week 9 in the state of Michigan. We recognize the hard work, dedication, 10 and commitment of home educator parents and guardians in providing 11 quality education to their children and acknowledge the right of parents and guardians as outlined in the Michigan Constitution to 12 choose homeschooling as a legitimate educational alternative and 13 14 emphasizes the importance of respecting the diversity of 15 educational choices available to Michigan families; and be it 16 further 17 Resolved, That Homeschool Week aims to promote and celebrate 18 the benefits of homeschooling as a viable educational option for 19 families in Michigan. We commend homeschooling parents and 20 quardians for their dedication to their children's education and for contributing positively to the overall educational fabric of 21

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our state.