

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.306

Rep. Wilson offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Eastern  
2 Michigan University.

3       Whereas, The Michigan House is proud to honor Eastern Michigan  
4 University's 175 years as an exemplar of equity and excellence in  
5 education; and

6       Whereas, Eastern Michigan University was founded in 1849 as  
7 the Michigan State Normal School, the first institution dedicated  
8 to educating American teachers west of the Allegheny Mountains; and

9       Whereas, Eastern Michigan University has long been a leader in  
10 educating professional teachers, being the first American normal  
11 school to offer a four-year curriculum; and

12       Whereas, As the first public college in Michigan to admit both

1 men and women regardless of race, Eastern Michigan University has  
2 also been at the forefront in advancing equity in higher education;  
3 and

4       Whereas, The Michigan State Teachers' Association (later to  
5 become the Michigan Education Association) was organized by  
6 approximately two hundred teachers in 1852 at Eastern Michigan  
7 University; and

8       Whereas, The Department of Special Education at Eastern  
9 Michigan University is one of the oldest special education programs  
10 in the country, providing classes since 1915 on how to provide  
11 education designed for the needs of students with disabilities; and

12       Whereas, Eastern Michigan University has continued to broaden  
13 its educational offerings and develop over time from the Michigan  
14 State Normal School to the Michigan State Normal College to Eastern  
15 Michigan College and finally Eastern Michigan University; and

16       Whereas, Eastern Michigan University is now a research  
17 university comprising seven colleges and schools: the College of  
18 Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of  
19 Education, the College of Health and Human Services, the GameAbove  
20 College of Engineering and Technology, the Honors College, and the  
21 Graduate School; and

22       Whereas, Eastern Michigan University has been a vital part of  
23 the Ypsilanti community since local citizens first raised funds for  
24 its founding, and continues to be a center of community life and  
25 educational excellence; now, therefore be it

26       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
27 this legislative body commemorate the 175th anniversary of Eastern  
28 Michigan University. We recognize Eastern Michigan University's 175  
29 years of contributions to our state and hope that it will continue

**1** in its tradition of excellence for many years to come.