HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Reps. Woolford, Alexander, Greene, Rheingans and Schuette offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the United
- ${f 2}$ States Victory in the Gulf War and declare February 28, 2025, as
- 3 Gulf War Victory Day in the state of Michigan.
- Whereas, On August 2, 1990, one hundred thousand Iraqi troops
- 5 invaded Kuwait, despite efforts by the United Nations, led by the
- 6 United States, to de-escalate the impending conflict. This invasion
- 7 marked the beginning of Operation Desert Shield, which lasted from
- 8 August 2, 1990, to January 17, 1991. During this first phase of the
- 9 Gulf War, U.S. forces were deployed to the Saudi Arabia border to
- 10 deter further conflict in the region. The second and final phase of
- 11 the Gulf War, codenamed Operation Desert Storm, began with an air
- 12 assault on January 17, 1991. This phase included a ground assault
- 13 that lasted four days and concluded on February 28, 1991, with the

- 1 surrender of Iraqi forces, demonstrating America's might to the
- 2 world resulting in the fourth largest land army's surrender in
- 3 under one hundred hours of battle; and
- 4 Whereas, On February 28, 2025, we will take a moment to honor
- 5 and remember the individuals who lost their lives in this war 34
- 6 years ago, along with all the veterans who have bravely fought to
- 7 uphold our freedom and safeguard our republic values. It is because
- 8 of Americans that stand to answer the call of our nation, that we
- 9 enjoy peace and prosperity in the United States today. Their
- 10 selfless sacrifices and unwavering commitment in defense of
- 11 international security and diplomacy have played a crucial role in
- 12 establishing several vital allies in this strategic region of the
- 13 world. We recognize the profound impact the Gulf War Veterans have
- 14 had, not only in protecting our nation but also in fostering
- 15 stability and cooperation in the Middle East and around the world.
- 16 Through their dedication, they have ensured that the ideals we
- 17 cherish continue to thrive for generations to come; now, therefore,
- **18** be it
- 19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 20 this legislative body commemorate the 34th anniversary of the
- 21 United States Victory in the Gulf War and declare February 28,
- 22 2025, as Gulf War Victory Day in the state of Michigan. We
- 23 encourage the people of Michigan to acknowledge the importance of
- 24 recognizing this day.