

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Reps. DeBoyer, Harris, St. Germaine, Pavlov, Alexander, Mentzer, Roth, Frisbie, Woolford, Schuette, Rheingans, BeGole, Linting, Thompson, Fairbairn, Rigas, Martin, Outman, Neyer, Smit, VanderWall, Breen, Fitzgerald, Fox, Glanville, Kelly, MacDonell, Rogers, Weiss and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare April 18, 2025, as Champions Day in  
2 the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The year 1935 was an extraordinary time for sports in  
4 Michigan, with remarkable achievements and triumphs that brought  
5 great pride and joy to the people; and

6       Whereas, During this remarkable sports season, the state  
7 witnessed several historic victories, including the rise of Joe  
8 Louis in the professional boxing world, the Detroit Tigers winning  
9 their first World Series, the Detroit Lions securing their first  
10 NFL championship, and the Detroit Red Wings capturing their first

1 NHL championship; and

2       Whereas, Joe Louis, born in Alabama but a proud Michigander,  
3 emerged as an iconic figure in the sport of boxing and became a  
4 symbol of courage, perseverance, and athletic excellence, winning  
5 numerous titles and breaking down racial barriers; and

6       Whereas, The Detroit Tigers, under the exceptional leadership  
7 of manager Mickey Cochrane, showcased remarkable talent and  
8 determination, culminating in their first-ever World Series  
9 championship and igniting a deep passion for baseball across the  
10 state; and

11       Whereas, The Detroit Lions, led by head coach Patsy Clark,  
12 displayed remarkable skill and tenacity, achieving their first NFL  
13 championship victory and etching their names in football history,  
14 instilling a sense of pride and unity in the hearts of  
15 Michiganders; and

16       Whereas, The Detroit Red Wings, guided by head coach Jack  
17 Adams, showcased their unwavering dedication and teamwork, securing  
18 their first NHL championship and paving the way for future  
19 successes, forever leaving an indelible mark on the state's rich  
20 hockey tradition; and

21       Whereas, These historic achievements not only brought  
22 immeasurable joy to the people of Michigan but also united  
23 communities and instilled a sense of resilience and hope during  
24 challenging times; and

25       Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor and recognize these  
26 exceptional sporting achievements by designating April 18th as  
27 "Champions Day" in Michigan, a day to celebrate the extraordinary  
28 accomplishments of Joe Louis, the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit  
29 Lions, and the Detroit Red Wings during the memorable sports season

1 of 1935; now, therefore, be it

2       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
3 this legislative body declare April 18, 2025, as Champions Day in  
4 the state of Michigan. We encourage the people of our state to  
5 commemorate the exceptional accomplishments of Joe Louis, the  
6 Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Lions, and the Detroit Red Wings during  
7 the historic sports season of 1935.