

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

Reps. Conlin, MacDonell and Paiz offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2-6, 2025, as Survival Flight
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Survival Flight services provide a critically
4 important benefit to the people of Michigan, offering rapid,
5 lifesaving transport for patients in acute medical crisis,
6 including the transport of critically ill or injured individuals,
7 donor organs, and lifesaving equipment such as ECMO systems; and

8 Whereas, These services support health systems and residents
9 across the state, delivering timely and specialized care that often
10 determines the difference between life and death for Michigan's
11 patients; and

12 Whereas, On June 4, 2007, a Survival Flight aircraft
13 tragically crashed into Lake Michigan while returning from an organ

1 procurement mission in Milwaukee. Aboard the aircraft were six
2 dedicated professionals, returning with donor lungs for a
3 transplant candidate awaiting care at the University of Michigan
4 Transplant Center. The six lives lost that day were: David Ashburn,
5 M.D., Richard Chenault II, Dennis Hoyes, Rick LaPensee, Bill Serra,
6 Martin Spoor, M.D. These exemplary individuals had committed their
7 lives to the service of others—saving and improving lives through
8 organ donation, critical care, aviation safety, and transplant
9 surgery. Their selfless dedication represents the very highest
10 values of the medical profession and public service. The Survival
11 Flight and transplant communities were forever changed by this
12 profound loss, which continues to be remembered with deep respect
13 and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body declare June 2-6, 2025, as Survival Flight
16 Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize and celebrate the
17 enduring impact of Survival Flight services and the ongoing
18 sacrifices made by its team members in the service of health and
19 humanity throughout Michigan; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 families of those lost, the leadership of Michigan Medicine, and
22 the University of Michigan Transplant Center as a symbol of our
23 enduring appreciation.