

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 and VanderWall 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
11 NHL championship; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor and recognize these
25 exceptional sporting achievements by designating April 18th as
26 "Champions Day" in Michigan, a day to celebrate the extraordinary
27 accomplishments of Joe Louis, the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit
28 Lions, and the Detroit Red Wings during the memorable sports season
29 of 1935; now, therefore, be it

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