

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Rep. Steckloff offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to condemn divisive rhetoric that invokes  
2 inappropriate, repugnant Holocaust comparisons as an ideological  
3 political ploy meant to polarize the populous.

4           Whereas, Reprehensible Holocaust comparisons and analogies  
5 have become all too commonplace as a means of furthering political  
6 agendas, and, thus, dividing Americans; and

7           Whereas, A substantial number of Republican leaders and other  
8 public figures in Michigan and across the United States have  
9 compared the Holocaust as a means to criticize gun control  
10 measures, to protest against abortion laws, and speak in favor of  
11 denying women access to reproductive health care; and

12           Whereas, Such comparisons are outrageous political fodder that  
13 results in further pulling our state, country, and citizens apart;

1 causes the corrosion of historical record; and proliferates  
2 antisemitic sentiments; and

3       Whereas, Such comparisons may be profoundly hurtful to Jews,  
4 many of whom lost family members during the Holocaust or carry deep  
5 generational memories of the trauma suffered by their parents,  
6 grandparents, and great-grandparents during the destruction of  
7 European Jewry; and

8       Whereas, Modern day comparisons of the systematic murder of  
9 six million Jews and millions of others by the Nazis and their  
10 collaborators during World War II are rooted in efforts to garner  
11 political gains and poach media attention; and

12       Whereas, These offensive and inappropriate comparisons draw a  
13 clear line between right and wrong. On one side is respect for  
14 Jewish heritage, respect for those who were murdered during or who  
15 survived the Holocaust, respect for historic truths, and respect  
16 for an ethical moral code of conduct. On the other side is the  
17 dishonorable trivialization of the Holocaust, dishonor of those who  
18 suffered at the hands of Hitler and the Nazis, as well as those who  
19 fought valiantly against the Nazis during World War II, and  
20 dishonor for an ethical moral code of conduct; now, therefore be it

21       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
22 this legislation body condemn divisive rhetoric that invokes  
23 inappropriate, repugnant Holocaust comparisons as an ideological  
24 political ploy meant to polarize the populous. We stand on the  
25 right side of the moral line of history by condemning divisive  
26 rhetoric to conjure despicable and dishonorable Holocaust  
27 comparisons as an ideological and political marketing maneuver. It  
28 comes from great necessity that we stand up for what is right; and  
29 be it further.

1           Resolved, We explicitly recognize the true function of this  
2 ridiculous rhetoric and these abhorrent analogies for what they are  
3 – purposefully fissuring fictitious comparisons meant to advance  
4 conservative agendas, however, shamefully result in the erosion of  
5 the true history and trauma that occurred during and resulted from  
6 the atrocities of the Holocaust; and be it further

7           Resolved, We stand against inexcusable divisive rhetoric and  
8 stand up for what is right and for Jewish people today and for  
9 those six million individuals exterminated by genocide during the  
10 Holocaust.