

Substitute for House Resolution No. 69.

A resolution to declare April 2015 as Parliamentary Law Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, April is the birth month of both Thomas Jefferson, who authored the first American manual of parliamentary practices and General Henry Martyn Robert, who authored America's most widely used parliamentary authority, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*; and

Whereas, The Detroit Unit (formerly Emma Fox Unit), a division of the National Association of Parliamentarians, has been a part of the community of the city of Detroit since 1963 and promotes the study of parliamentary procedures and educational programs that contribute to the leadership of the city of Detroit. It is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout Metropolitan Detroit and the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedures; and

Whereas, Similar parliamentary organizations in our state include Genesee Unit, Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit, Redford Unit, Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit, and the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians; and

Whereas, It is fitting that we reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedures in the meetings of our public and private organizations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2015 as Parliamentary Law Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon members of organizations and citizens in public and private meetings to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, We encourage all to promote the use of democratic process and organization in meetings through the use of parliamentary practice.