

Rep. McBroom offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 102.

A resolution to commemorate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

Whereas, Magna Carta, also known as the Great Charter, established the modern concept of the rule of law on which all great nations stand; and

Whereas, Magna Carta was originally sealed by King John of England on June 15, 1215, at the demand of freemen who sought recognition of their fundamental rights and limitation of the arbitrary use of power; and

Whereas, Magna Carta has guided the people of the United Kingdom towards a freer and more just society for eight centuries; and

Whereas, Magna Carta inspired colonial revolutionaries in the New World to resist oppressive rule and to adopt the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776; and

Whereas, Magna Carta has given rise to the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans today; and

Whereas, Article 39 of Magna Carta reads, "No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgment of his equals or by the law of the land"; and

Whereas, The legal principles of Magna Carta are purposely reflected in both the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 17 of the Michigan Constitution, which read, "No person shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law"; and

Whereas, The laws and Constitution of the state of Michigan exemplify the continued influence of Magna Carta; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. We honor the Great Charter as a vital symbol of liberty, self-determination, and the rule of law.