

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

Rep. Brabec offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare February 6-10, 2023, as School  
2 Counseling Week in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, The American School Counselor Association has  
4 designated the week of February 6, 2023, through February 10, 2023,  
5 as "National School Counseling Week"; and

6           Whereas, School counseling programs are considered an integral  
7 part of the educational process that enables all students to  
8 achieve success in school; and

9           Whereas, School counselors may encourage students to pursue  
10 challenging academic courses to prepare them for college majors and  
11 careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
12 fields; and

13           Whereas, School counselors assist students in identifying

1 postsecondary educational options and preparing them to enroll in  
2 college in addition to providing social and emotional guidance; and

3       Whereas, School counselors play a vital role in ensuring that  
4 students are college and career ready and aware of financial aid  
5 and college opportunities; and

6       Whereas, School counselors are actively committed to helping  
7 students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents  
8 as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

9       Whereas, School counselors help students cope with serious and  
10 common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying,  
11 mental health issues, school violence, disciplinary problems, and  
12 problems in the home; and

13       Whereas, School counselors work with parents, guardians,  
14 teachers, and other educators to help students explore their  
15 potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

16       Whereas, School counselors seek to identify and utilize  
17 community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive  
18 school counseling programs and help students become productive  
19 members of the society; and

20       Whereas, School counselors have long emphasized the importance  
21 of personal and social development in contributing to academic  
22 achievement; and

23       Whereas, School counselors help develop well-rounded students  
24 by guiding them through their academic, social-emotional, and  
25 career development; and

26       Whereas, The average student-to-counselor ratio in the  
27 nation's public schools, 430-to-1, is almost double the 250-to-1  
28 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the  
29 National Association for College Admission Counseling, and other

1 organizations; and

2       Whereas, The celebration of National School Counseling Week  
3 would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school  
4 counselors play in the lives of students in the United States, now,  
5 therefore, be it

6       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
7 this legislative body declare February 6-10, 2023, as School  
8 Counseling Week in the state of Michigan.