

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Reps. O'Neal, Haadsma, Hood, Shannon, Dievendorf, Martus, Neeley, Tyrone Carter, Koleszar, Conlin, Price, Brixie, Hoskins, Arbit, Liberati, Snyder, Fitzgerald, McFall, Tsernoglou, Breen, Farhat, Roth, Hill, Rheingans, Brenda Carter, Martin, Bierlein, BeGole, Green, Young, Grant, Churches, Weiss, Stone, Glanville and Aiyash offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 11, 2023, as White Shirt Day
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto
4 Workers (UAW) as they gather to mark the 85th anniversary of their
5 first contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a
6 reflection of the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination
7 of those first UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and
8 improved benefits that have created a positive atmosphere for all

1 of America's working men and women. We remember those historic
2 members on this anniversary; and

3 Whereas, On February 11, 2023, UAW members and retirees will
4 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the
5 famous Flint Sit-Down Strike in 1937. While the members of this
6 distinguished organization celebrate the 85th anniversary of this
7 event, we offer our thanks for the outstanding contributions they
8 have made to the Flint community, our state, and our nation; and

9 Whereas, The origin of the UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced
10 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a UAW member of Local 598,
11 first suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white
12 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they
13 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal
14 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and
15 strength of UAW members; and

16 Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the
17 members and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its
18 founders and the commitment of its workers that have brought them
19 to this point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also
20 be casting an eye to the future and to the many ways in which
21 United Auto Workers will continue to serve the working men and
22 women of this great country; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare February 11, 2023, as White Shirt Day
25 in the state of Michigan. We commemorate the 85th anniversary of
26 the first United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and
27 commend everyone who has contributed to the UAW's success. We
28 applaud their accomplishments and thank them for helping to
29 strengthen and build Michigan's communities, workforce, and

1 economy.