

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Rep. Harris offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 2024 as School Resource
2 Officer Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The safety and well-being of the students within the
4 educational institutions of the state of Michigan are foundational
5 principles that contribute to the overall success of our
6 communities; and

7 Whereas, School Resource Officers (SROs) stand as steadfast
8 guardians, embodying the commitment to fostering a secure and
9 nurturing learning environment by building positive relationships
10 with students, staff, and the broader community; and

11 Whereas, The State of Michigan recognizes and deeply
12 appreciates the indispensable role played by SROs in not only

1 maintaining safety within our schools but also in proactively
2 engaging with students to prevent incidents and providing a rapid,
3 effective response to emergencies; and

4 Whereas, SROs go beyond their law enforcement duties by
5 offering mentorship, guidance, and support to students, thereby
6 contributing significantly to their personal development, character
7 building, and overall success; and

8 Whereas, The professionalism, dedication, and commitment
9 exhibited by SROs are a beacon of inspiration, leaving an enduring
10 impact on the educational experience of students and contributing
11 positively to the cultural fabric of our schools; and

12 Whereas, The State of Michigan acknowledges the critical
13 importance of fostering collaborative efforts between law
14 enforcement agencies, educational institutions, and the community
15 to ensure the safety, security, and holistic development of our
16 students; and

17 Whereas, In 2023, the State of Michigan further expanded
18 access to SROs by providing nearly \$25 million in new grant funding
19 for the hiring of 195 SROs to enhance the safety and security for
20 more than 334,000 students in Michigan.

21 Whereas, The successful collaboration between SROs, educators,
22 and community stakeholders has resulted in safer school
23 environments, stronger community ties, and an increased sense of
24 trust among students towards law enforcement; and

25 Whereas, The State of Michigan values and supports initiatives
26 that promote positive interactions, open communication, and
27 understanding between SROs, students, and the community; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare February 2024 as School Resource
2 Officer Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan. We commemorate
3 and express profound gratitude for the outstanding service,
4 professionalism, and dedication of SROs in the state; commend the
5 collaborative efforts of law enforcement agencies, educational
6 institutions, and community stakeholders in creating an environment
7 that prioritizes the safety, well-being, and success of our
8 students; and encourage continued collaboration and the sharing of
9 best practices among law enforcement agencies, educational
10 institutions, and community organizations to enhance school safety
11 and foster positive relationships within the educational community.