

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. Hill and Brixie offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 16, 2024, as St. Urho's Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, St. Urho's Day celebrates Finnish-American heritage
4 and culture. It honors the legendary figure St. Urho, who according
5 to folklore, drove grasshoppers out of Finland's vineyards to save
6 the grape harvest; and

7 Whereas, The celebration of St. Urho's Day is a cherished
8 holiday among Finnish communities, fostering unity, pride, and
9 camaraderie; and

10 Whereas, This time-honored tradition provides an opportunity
11 for Finnish-Americans and all communities to join together in
12 celebration and cultural exchange; and

1 Whereas, The folklore behind St. Urho's Day highlights the
2 critical value of growing the great diversity of food on Michigan
3 farms; and

4 Whereas, Designating March 16th as St. Urho's Day acknowledges
5 the significance of Finnish heritage and recognizes the
6 contributions of Finnish-Americans to our nation; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
9 this legislative body declare March 16, 2024, as St. Urho's Day in
10 the state of Michigan. We encourage all residents to participate in
11 festivities and celebrations honoring Finnish-American culture and
12 heritage.