

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

Reps. DeBoyer, DeSana, Smit, Mueller, Borton, Wozniak, Steele, Rigas, Roth, Mentzer, Beson, Martin, Bierlein, Kunse, St. Germaine, Alexander, Markkanen, Maddock, Fox and Aragona offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 18, 2024, as Champions Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The year 1935 was an extraordinary time for sports in
4 the state of Michigan, with remarkable achievements and triumphs
5 that brought great pride and joy to the people; and

6 Whereas, During this remarkable sports season, the state
7 witnessed several historic victories, including the rise of Joe
8 Louis in the professional boxing world, the Detroit Tigers winning
9 their first World Series, the Detroit Lions securing their first

1 NFL championship, and the Detroit Red Wings capturing their first
2 NHL championship; and

3 Whereas, Joe Louis, born in Alabama but a proud Michigander,
4 emerged as an iconic figure in the sport of boxing and became a
5 symbol of courage, perseverance, and athletic excellence, winning
6 numerous titles and breaking down racial barriers; and

7 Whereas, The Detroit Tigers, under the exceptional leadership
8 of manager Mickey Cochrane, showcased remarkable talent and
9 determination, culminating in their first-ever World Series
10 championship and igniting a deep passion for baseball across the
11 state; and

12 Whereas, The Detroit Lions, led by head coach Patsy Clark,
13 displayed remarkable skill and tenacity, achieving their first NFL
14 championship victory and etching their names in football history,
15 instilling a sense of pride and unity in the hearts of
16 Michiganders; and

17 Whereas, The Detroit Red Wings, guided by head coach Jack
18 Adams, showcased their unwavering dedication and teamwork, securing
19 their first NHL championship and paving the way for future
20 successes, forever leaving an indelible mark on the state's rich
21 hockey tradition; and

22 Whereas, These historic achievements not only brought
23 immeasurable joy to the people of Michigan but also united
24 communities and instilled a sense of resilience and hope during
25 challenging times; and

26 Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor and recognize these
27 exceptional sporting achievements by designating April 18 as
28 Champions Day in the state of Michigan, a day to celebrate the
29 extraordinary accomplishments of Joe Louis, the Detroit Tigers, the

1 Detroit Lions, and the Detroit Red Wings during the memorable
2 sports season of 1935; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare April 18, 2024, as Champions Day in
5 the state of Michigan. We encourage the people of Michigan to
6 commemorate the exceptional accomplishments of Joe Louis, the
7 Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Lions, and the Detroit Red Wings during
8 the historic sports season of 1935.