

Reps. Waters, Whitmer, Williams, Tobocman, Byrum, Minore, Anderson, Jamnick, Zelenko, Cheeks, Clack, Vagnozzi, Murphy, Lipsey, Stallworth, Daniels, Hardman, Adamini, DeRossett, Ehardt, Farrah, Gillard, Hopgood, Kolb, McConico, Paletko, Phillips, Reeves and Rocca offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 54.

A resolution to urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to establish its Midwestern headquarters in Detroit.

Whereas, In response to the nightmare of September 11th and other attempts to disrupt our way of life, our nation is making significant moves to increase the safety of our citizens, resources, and infrastructure. Much of this work is taking place through the newly created United States Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, A pending step in the effort to buoy up our homeland defenses against terrorism and to ensure we are fully prepared to cope with any type of attack is determining the location of regional headquarters for the United States Department of Homeland Security. In this search, Detroit is well positioned in many ways to fill this role; and

Whereas, As the largest city in the Midwest along our Canadian border and the home of two of the busiest ports of entry in the entire country, Detroit has already been deeply involved in homeland security work for many years. This city's experience in this vital work at the Ambassador Bridge, at the Windsor Tunnel, along the Detroit River, and at Metro Airport provide an excellent example of the its familiarity with the challenges before the country. This commitment is further illustrated by the city's willingness to fulfill the role of hosting the regional headquarters for the United States Department of Homeland Security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to establish its Midwestern headquarters in Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.