

Reps. Young, Ball, Bieda, Booher, Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Casperson, Cheeks, Clack, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Elsenheimer, Farrah, Gaffney, Gillard, Gonzales, Green, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Huizenga, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Knollenberg, LaJoy, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Mayes, Melton, Miller, Nitz, Palmer, Pastor, Polidori, Proos, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Spade, Stahl, Tobocman, Warren, Wojno and David Law offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 233.

A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1957 Detroit Lions National Championship.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to join with the families, the entire National Football League, Detroit, and all of Michigan in celebrating the achievements of the Detroit Lions on its wonderful success of the 1957 season. With the fine record of 8 and 4, which obtained a 1957 Detroit Lions Championship, this group of athletes generated great pride throughout Michigan; and

Whereas, The Lions earned the respect of Lion followers throughout Michigan through their talent, teamwork, and determination. As their opponents quickly found out, this was a team that brought and continues to bring unity and a positive outlook to all levels of competition. In other words they played the game the way it was supposed to be played. In the face of challenge and pressure, the 1957 Detroit Lions rose to the occasion and continually destroyed the competition and reached the pinnacle of their sport by winning the championship not only that year but three times in an era simply called "The Glory Years." This was a group of young men who maintained their focus on making their dreams come true and accepting nothing less than excellence and success; and

Whereas, Winning titles or compiling outstanding seasons is never a fluke. While anything can happen in a single game, all teams show their true abilities and dedication over a long season or a difficult stretch in the playoffs. What distinguishes the best, however, is usually the effort that appears in practice, far removed from the excitement of game day. We admire the efforts, team spirit, and preparation of these talented individuals, who completely exemplified this quote by Vince Lombardi, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1957 Detroit Lions National Championship. We congratulate the members and coaches of the Detroit Lions upon the occasion of its championship.