

Reps. Liss, Terry Brown, Constan, Gonzales, Hammel, Hansen, Haugh, Robert Jones, Leland, Lemmons, Polidori, Segal, Spade, Warren, Rogers, Slavens, Lisa Brown, Durhal, Haase, Huckleberry, Meadows and Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 31.

A resolution to encourage the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Public Service Commission to promote Project Safe Passage.

Whereas, Radar studies show that millions of birds use the skies over Michigan during their spring and fall migrations. These birds fly in a broad front across the Great Lakes, often at night. Over 250 species pass over Michigan during their migration. Many of these species are declining steeply in numbers; and

Whereas, Birds flying in the vicinity of tall buildings are attracted and confused by the lights on these buildings. The birds, exhausted by their long flights, crash into the lighted, high-rise buildings; and

Whereas, Michigan residents are urged to turn out unnecessary lights between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., especially during the spring and fall migrations. Turning off unnecessary lights will save money, reduce pollution, save energy, and save the lives of these birds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Public Service Commission to promote Project Safe Passage to protect migrating birds; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, and the Governor of Michigan.