

Reps. Warren, Leland, Terry Brown, Scripps, Lipton, Liss, Young, Miller, Tlaib, Durhal, Meadows, Barnett, Constan, Dean, Donigan, Geiss, Gonzales, Gregory, Haugh, LeBlanc, Lori, Neumann, Polidori, Spade and Switalski offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 46.**

A resolution to encourage the citizens of the state of Michigan to participation in Earth Hour 2009.

Whereas, Earth Hour 2009 will be observed between 8:30PM and 9:30PM on Saturday, March 28th; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Energy, lighting accounts for roughly 22 percent of U.S. electricity consumption and is a significant contributor to our nation's greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, Our current patterns of energy consumption and production are unsustainable, and require considerable modification to remain solvent into the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, Our dependence predominantly on fossil fuels to produce energy imperils both our national security and environmental health; and

Whereas, Earth Hour, a program by which businesses, governments, and private individuals voluntarily forego nonessential electricity use for one hour, provides a global forum through which all concerned parties may express their solidarity and commitment to reducing the impact of global climate change; and

Whereas, Earth Hour underscores the importance of conservation as an integral part of a comprehensive energy policy to achieve sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of energy production and consumption; and

Whereas, An impending global crisis such as that presented by climate change can only adequately be met by an broad-based, cooperative, international effort; and

Whereas, At least 377 cities in over 64 countries and territories have pledged to participate in Earth Hour 2009; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body pledge our support for, and encourage Michigan citizens to participate in, Earth Hour 2009.