

Reps. Slavens, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Constan, Crawford, Darany, Heise, Hooker, Knollenberg, Kurtz, Lindberg, Liss, Poleski, Price, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 331.**

A resolution to declare November 2012 as Adoption Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Children thrive in loving families where they are nurtured, comforted, and protected; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the valuable contributions of individuals who travel the rewarding journey of adoption by providing love, guidance, and hope for children whose lives have been filled with change and uncertainty; and

Whereas, Michigan is committed to working as a partner with social service agencies, organizations in communities, and child advocates to help recruit and support adoptive families who make a difference in developing positive outcomes for our children; and

Whereas, Finding nurturing, permanent homes for waiting children is an objective Michigan works toward throughout the year; and

Whereas, During Adoption Awareness Month, special efforts are made to instill a greater perception of the need for adoptive families; and

Whereas, Throughout November, communities across the nation observe National Adoption Month to raise awareness and encourage citizens to become involved in the lives of these youth as adoptive parents, volunteers, or mentors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2012 as Adoption Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens of our state to observe this occasion and recognize the importance of adoption in order to honor those who provide children with a loving home.