Rep. Sheppard offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 294.

A resolution to declare May 2016 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Approximately 30,000 Americans have cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and pancreas, and more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene; and

Whereas, There are close to 1,200 children living in Michigan with the disease; and

Whereas, Michigan has a Cystic Fibrosis chapter in the Detroit area, as well as many cystic fibrosis groups focused on raising awareness and providing support to those with the disease; and

Whereas, Michigan also has eight Cystic Fibrosis Care Centers: Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University Harper University Hospital, Helen DeVos Women and Children's Center, Spectrum Health Adult Cystic Fibrosis Care Center, Michigan State University Pediatric, University of Michigan Pediatric and Adult, Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center and Western Michigan University School of Medicine Clinics. Toledo, Ohio is also home to the Toledo Children's Hospital and Northwest Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Center which serve Michigan patients as well; and

Whereas, During the month of May, Cystic Fibrosis Chapters and volunteers will come together in the state of Michigan to raise awareness about this devastating disease to achieve their mission of curing and controlling cystic fibrosis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2016 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.