

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 309

Reps. Leutheuser, Allor, Crawford, Lightner, Miller, Rendon, Sneller, Witwer and Wozniak offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 9, 2020, as Potato Day in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, This marks the 50th anniversary of the Michigan
4 Potato Industry Commission; and

5 Whereas, The Michigan Potato Industry Commission was founded
6 in 1970 by the Michigan Legislature and has made considerable
7 contributions as the state's leading organization on potato
8 research, promotion, and education; and

9 Whereas, Agriculture is not only a key driver of Michigan's
10 economy, but also rural economies across the state. The potato
11 industry is one that is vital to Michigan commerce, contributing
12 over \$1.2 billion to the state economy and accounting for more than



1 3,000 jobs in potato production and processing; and

2 Whereas, Michigan is the 8th largest potato-growing state in
3 the nation, with over 80 potato growers planting 47,000 acres
4 within 40 counties across the state each year. Our state is the
5 largest grower of potatoes for potato chips in the nation, with 1
6 in every 4 bags of potato chips being made from Michigan-grown
7 potatoes; and

8 Whereas, The continued efforts of the Michigan Potato Industry
9 Commission will serve to grow and advance the well-being of
10 Michigan potato growers and their industry at the state, national,
11 and international levels; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare September 9, 2020, as Potato Day in
14 the state of Michigan. We commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
15 founding of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission; and be it
16 further

17 Resolved, That we salute the work of the Michigan Potato
18 Industry Commission and thank them for their service to our state's
19 farmers and economy over the last half-century.