

Rep. Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 101.**

A resolution to declare May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, From our nation's earliest days, Jewish Americans have been a critical part of our story. In the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, they have fought tirelessly to realize their piece of the American dream and the promise of our founding, holding tight to the belief that a better day lies ahead. Their relentless spirit and remarkable achievements have enriched our country, stirred our conscience, and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security. This month, we honor the vast contributions Jewish Americans have made to our world and recommit to standing up for the traditions we believe in and the values we share; and

Whereas, As we celebrate the rich heritage of the Jewish American community, it is impossible to separate their accomplishments from the struggles of Jewish people around the world. American Jews have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith. Today, they continue to teach us empathy and compassion. Inspired by the lessons of their parents and grandparents who knew how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all, relentlessly pursuing tikkun olam, they have always understood that we must recognize ourselves in the struggles of our fellow man; and

Whereas, For centuries, Jews have reached for the blessings of freedom and opportunity in the United States. Today, as pillars of their families and leaders in their communities, Jewish Americans represent a link in an unbroken chain of perseverance. During Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; and

Whereas, Michigan residents are encouraged to visit the Jewish Heritage Month website to learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans and to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2017, as Jewish American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, In celebrating the contributions of the Jewish people to the progress of our country, we also reaffirm America's unwavering commitment to the security of Israel and the close bonds between our two nations and our peoples.