

Rep. Marino offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 259.

A resolution to memorialize the Detroit Zoological Society to locate the proposed Great Lakes Nature Center at Lake St. Clair Metropark.

Whereas, The Detroit Zoological Society recently announced plans to build a 20,000-square foot, \$10 million Great Lakes Nature Center in Macomb County. Billed as a world-class freshwater nature center, the facility will include aquariums, animal habitats, and displays on the science and ecology of the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, The Lake St. Clair Metropark is an ideal location for the new nature center and one of several sites being considered. Located in Harrison Township, the 770-acre Metropark is situated on the waterfront with more than 5,000 feet of shoreline. It is about 20 miles northeast of Detroit via I-94, providing easy access to the residents of Detroit and the surrounding suburbs; and

Whereas, The Lake St. Clair Metropark regularly registers over 360,000 vehicle entries a year. The Great Lakes Nature Center will benefit from the many visitors who regularly seek the amenities of the park year-round while new and veteran visitors will be afforded the educational opportunities that the additional nature center will offer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Detroit Zoological Society to locate the proposed Great Lakes Nature Center at Lake St. Clair Metropark; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit Zoo Executive Director, the Detroit Zoo Board of Directors, the Macomb County Zoological Authority, and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners.