Reps. Huizenga, Crawford, Garza, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Steven Johnson, Lasinski, Love and Witwer offered the following resolution:

A resolution to declare October 2019 as Library Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually designates the month of October as a statewide observance to celebrate the contributions of Michigan's libraries, librarians, and library professionals to their communities and to promote library use and support; and

Whereas, Michigan's libraries, including school, public, academic, and special libraries, are vital institutions and dynamic centers of lifelong learning that play a unique role in ensuring the public's right to know and empowering people from all walks of
life to make informed decisions about the world around them; and

Whereas, Libraries play an integral role as community,
educational, and cultural centers that bring together diverse
populations and serve as important cornerstones in healthy
communities; and

Whereas, Libraries have the most recent ideas and information
available on subjects and are a cost-effective means of providing
education, training, and the opportunity for self-improvement to
all individuals without regard to age, race, income, or
socioeconomic background; and

Whereas, Libraries serve as a vital connection to the people,
places, and ideas of the world through books, magazines, videos,
and the Internet and are the primary point of online access for
people without computers at home, school, or work; and

Whereas, Libraries provide indispensable educational resources
for children and teenagers, and are on the front lines in the
battle against illiteracy, offering plenty of free activities, as
well as safe, enriching entertainment for the whole family; and

Whereas, Librarians and library workers play key roles in
helping people explore, imagine, and discover new horizons in the
vast world of information, knowledge, and entertainment; and

Whereas, Two-thirds of adult Americans visit their local
public libraries annually, with more than a billion visits made
each year by adults, and likewise by students to their school
libraries; and

Whereas, Michigan's libraries play a key role in the statewide
and national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access,
and narrowing the digital divide and are the cornerstone of our
democracy; and
Whereas, Thousands of libraries and library supporters across Michigan are celebrating Library Appreciation Month this year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 2019 as Library Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens of Michigan to visit their local library and explore the wide variety of cultural and educational riches that libraries hold; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize Michigan’s librarians, library professionals and supporters for their contributions to enrich their communities.