

Reps. DeRoche, Brandenburg, Ehardt, Hummel, Meyer, Vander Veen, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Dennis, DeRossett, Elkins, Farhat, Gaffney, Garfield, Gleason, Hager, Hoogendyk, Hopgood, Hune, Jamnick, Julian, Koetje, Kolb, Kooiman, Milosch, Minore, Mortimer, Murphy, Nitz, Nofs, O'Neil, Pastor, Richardville, Rivet, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Spade, Stakoe, Stallworth, Stewart, Tabor, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Voorhees, Wojno, Zelenko, Bieda and Phillips offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 142.

A resolution proclaiming October 12-18, 2003, as International Credit Union Week in Michigan and Thursday, October 16, 2003, as International Credit Union Day.

Whereas, The vitality and stability of Michigan's economy is important to ensure continued business growth, expanded employment opportunities and improved financial security for the people of this state; and

Whereas, Credit unions were created as cooperative, not-for-profit financial institutions committed to the economic improvement of their membership; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is home to 438 credit unions with a membership in excess of 4.4 million credit union members, which represent over 40% of the state population; and

Whereas, The credit union movement continues to provide its 4.4 million Michigan members access to affordable, reliable financial services, as well as the opportunity to be a member-owner, not "just a customer"; and

Whereas, Credit union professionals, staff and volunteers are active and committed to the communities in which they serve. The credit union mission of "people helping people" is and will continue to be the foundation of their success; and

Whereas, During the week of October 12-18, 2003, credit unions throughout the world will be celebrating the competent financial service provided in a democratic, cooperative manner to citizens of both our Great Lakes State and the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2003, as International Credit Union Week in Michigan and Thursday, October 16, 2003, as International Credit Union Day. We encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions credit unions have made to the communities in this state, both tangible and intangible, through the years, and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of Michigan's credit unions.