

History of the Adoption of "My Michigan" as an Official Song of the State of Michigan

SOURCE: *Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, 1937, Regular Session.* Volume I. Lansing, MI: Franklin DeKleine Company. (Page references are in parentheses.) On February 2, 1937, the Michigan House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 17. It read as follows (p. 171):

A concurrent resolution designating and adopting "My Michigan," as composed and written by Giles Kavanagh and H. O'Reilly Clint, as the official song of the State of Michigan.

Whereas, The words and music in the song "My Michigan," as composed and written by Giles Kavanagh and H. O'Reilly Clint, express the hopes, ambitions and pride of the people of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, On June 18, 1936, Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald designated "My Michigan," as the official song of the State of Michigan, in true recognition of the fine thoughts conveyed in the words and music of this lovely memorial to the State of Michigan; now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the 1937 Michigan Legislature designates and adopts "My Michigan," as the official song of the State of Michigan.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

(Note: Giles Kavanagh was the father of Hon. Thomas Giles Kavanagh (1917-1997), Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, 1969-1985.)

On March 3, 1937, The Committee on Rules and Resolutions recommended that House Concurrent Resolution be adopted. The House adopted the resolution (p. 321).

The Committee on Rules and Resolutions, by Mr. Berka, Chairman, reported House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

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With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

After adoption by the House on March 3, the resolution went to the Michigan Senate. The Senate made some changes in the wording of the resolution and adopted the resolution with those changes. It sent the resolution back to the House of Representatives. On May 21, 1937, the House agreed to the Senate's changes, thus completing the adoption process (p. 1183).

A message was received from the Senate returning with amendments House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

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The following are the amendments made to the resolution by the Senate:

1. Amend the title of the concurrent resolution, line 2, after the word "as" by striking out the word "the" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "an"
2. Amend the second Whereas Clause, line 2, after the word "as" by striking out the word "the" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "an"
3. Amend the Resolving Clause, line 3, after the word "as" by striking out the word "the" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "an"

The message informed the House of Representatives that the Senate had adopted the resolution as so amended.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made to the resolution by the Senate.

The amendments were concurred in.

Final Resolution

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Whereas, On June 18, 1936, Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald designated "My Michigan," as an official song of the State of Michigan, in true recognition of the fine thoughts conveyed in the words and music of this lovely memorial to the State of Michigan; now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the 1937 Michigan Legislature designates and adopts "My Michigan," as an official song of the State of Michigan.