

Senator Hardiman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 162.

A resolution honoring the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Academic Team nominees.

Whereas Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of 1963 states: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has valued and supported education throughout its history as a means to improve the lives of its citizens and their common good, and this education mission has been greatly advanced by the system of community colleges reaching every corner of this state; and

Whereas, Phi Theta Kappa, the internationally-recognized official honor society of two-year institutions, also has the mission of recognizing and encouraging scholarship and academic excellence among two-year college students. It awards millions of dollars in scholarships each year to further that mission; and

Whereas, Michigan is one of 34 states in the nation to select students for a statewide Phi Theta Kappa academic team to honor students with high grade point averages and progress toward associate or baccalaureate degrees; and

Whereas, Forty-six Michigan students from 24 different community colleges have been nominated for the All-Michigan Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team; and

Whereas, This is a significant honor for these students, a sign of success for the community colleges they attend, and an encouraging symbol for the future of our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby honor the 46 community college students nominated for the Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Academic Team; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in honor of the 2008 All-Michigan Academic Team nominees.