

Senators Barcia, Richardville, Gleason, Allen, Pappageorge, Kuipers, Kahn, Van Woerkom, Basham, Cropsey, Clark-Coleman, Garcia, Olshove and Birkholz offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 24.

A resolution honoring the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Whereas, It is the pleasure of the Michigan Senate to commemorate and honor the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and pause to recognize and appreciate their efforts to protect the citizens of the state of Michigan and the entire country; and

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol is a nonprofit corporation established shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor as an auxiliary to the United States Air Force and were charged with patrolling the coasts of the United States. By the war's conclusion, the Civil Air Patrol had found 173 submarines, attacked 57, hit ten, and sank two. In the wake of the most recent attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001, the Civil Air Patrol was once again called upon to protect the interests and lives of the people of the state of Michigan and the nation; and

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol possesses the world's largest all-volunteer chaplaincy to assist the U.S. Air Force active-duty and reserve chaplains, particularly in wartime. They also assist in national relief organizations in times of disaster ministering to victims' families and emergency workers and teaching strong moral values to their cadets, while preaching the understanding of religious pluralism and committing themselves to the basic freedom of religion; and

Whereas, The Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol currently has 1,200 cadets and senior members serving our state in a variety of ways. Whether by teaching aerospace and sharing the joy of flight with Michigan teachers and students, taking to the skies or on the ground assisting in search and rescue efforts, or merely providing an outlet for America's youth to learn leadership skills, the Civil Air Patrol provides a useful and much-needed service to Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That a unanimous accolade of praise and tribute be hereby accorded the administration and staff of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol on its Sixty-fifth Anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in evidence of the esteem held for them by the members of the Michigan Senate.