

Senator Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 82.

A resolution commemorating the 25th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day.

Whereas, The 25th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, sponsored by General Motors, Spartan Stores, Inc., *Detroit Free Press*, Pepsi-Cola Company, Ford Motor Company, Toyota USA, AT&T, McDonald's, Sam's Club, Greektown Casino, The RARE Foundation, Big Boy Restaurants, Kroger Food Stores, MGM Grand Casino, Michigan Food & Beverage Association, Compuware, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers, DTE Energy, Detroit Recreation Department, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Wayne County Park Systems, Fairlane Town Center, The Skillman Foundation, WDIV-TV, WWJ Newsradio 950, Penske Corporation, Charity Motors, LaSalle Bank, Archdiocese of Detroit, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Davenport University, Target Stores, and many other sponsors including food and beverage firms and over 214 community and youth organizations that recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs and that youth must use this time wisely to improve the quality of their life and life's disciplines, will be held July 11, 2007, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day, the largest youth event in Michigan, emphasizes the need for physical education facilities and fitness with the need for good sportsmanship, college scholarships, and community service; and

Whereas, It is acknowledged that the youth are a valuable asset to our communities and the foundation of our future; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day is intended to bring together the community and the private sector to enhance relationships and improve cooperation and harmony in our communities; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day provides an opportunity for youth to participate in constructive activities outside their immediate home areas, working with other youngsters and numerous volunteers; and

Whereas, Community groups such as the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for SE Michigan, Detroit Police Cadets, New Detroit, Inc., Goodwill Industries, and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

Whereas, Outstanding and dedicated community leaders, including Ed Deeb of the Michigan Food & Beverage Association; Dr. Tom Moss, retired former Detroit police chief; Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Loren Jackson of Detroit Recreation Department; Sergeant Curtis Perry of the Detroit Police Cadets; and Dr. Lynne Boyle of the Kiwanis Club, are co-chairing this event along with more than 1,000 volunteers supervising the 30,000 youths expected to attend; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 11, 2007, as Metro Detroit Youth Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the organizers of this event as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to the youth of Metro Detroit.