

Rep. Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 110.

A resolution declaring June 24, 2009, Senior Michiganders Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, We recognize the 35th anniversary of Michigan's agings network, empowering older Michiganians with independence and dignity; and

Whereas, Michigan's aging network consists of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 16 Area Agencies on Aging, and over 1,2200 service providers working hand-in-hand since 1974 to improve the quality of life of older Michiganians throughout the state; and

Whereas, The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging provides leadership and oversight for the aging network in Michigan, offering valuable assistance and technical support to the area agencies on aging and aging service providers. The Office is guided and advised by the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging and the State Advisory Council on Aging, tapping into the wisdom and experience of older adults and gerontological professionals; and

Whereas, Area Agencies were created 35 years ago by Congress to be one-stop shops and experts on aging in local communities. Michigan's 16 Area Agencies on Aging created a statewide system of quality home and community-based services offering real choices to seniors and caregivers requiring long-term care. Area Agencies on Aging provide information and access to services, recruiting and screening local agencies and businesses to provide home and community-based services; and

Whereas, Over 1,200 aging service providers are delivering a wide variety of services to older Michiganians and caregivers 365 days of the year, including home-delivered meals, congregate meals, personal care, homemaker, adult day care, respite care, health promotion, home repair, legal assistance, ombudsman, senior centers, and transportation. Providers include county commissions on aging, councils on aging, senior centers, home health agencies, and a host of other distinguished businesses and organizations; and

Whereas, Area Agencies on Aging Association has provided leadership and support throughout the years to all levels of the aging network, fulfilling the mandate of the Older Americans Act to advocate with and on behalf of older Americans. The Association created the Michigan Senior Advocates Council in 1977, established as a leading voice on aging policy matters in advising the Michigan Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved of the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 24, 2009, as Senior Michiganians Day. We wish to recognize the accomplishments and good works of Michigan's aging network.