

Senators Scott, Clarke, Hunter, Clark-Coleman, Basham, Anderson, Thomas, Switalski, Jacobs and Brater offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 67.

A resolution declaring July 8, 2009, as Metro Detroit Youth Day in Michigan.

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day, the largest youth event in Michigan, emphasizes the need for physical education facilities and fitness with the necessity 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 & Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Police Cadets, New Detroit, Inc., Goodwill Industries, and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

Whereas, Outstanding and dedicated community leaders, such as Chairman Ed Deeb of Michigan Food & Beverage Association; and Dr. Tom Moss, retired former Detroit Police Chief; Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Alicia Minter of the Detroit Recreation Department; Sergeant Curtis Perry of Detroit Police Cadets; Dr. Lynne Boyle of the Kiwanis Club; and Barbara Jean Johnson of the Governor's office who are co-chairing this event, are participating along with more than 1,200 volunteers supervising the 34,000 youth expected to attend; and

Whereas, The 27th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, sponsored by General Motors, Spartan Stores, Inc., the *Detroit Free Press*, Pepsi-Cola Company, Ford Motor Company, Toyota USA, Volkswagen, AT&T, McDonald's, Sam's Club, Kroger Food Stores, MGM Grand Detroit, Michigan Food & Beverage Association, Compuware, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers, DTE Energy, Detroit Recreation Department, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Wayne County Park System, Fairlane Town Center, The Skillman Foundation, WDIV-TV, Comerica Bank, WWJ Newsradio 950, Waste Management Company of Michigan, Michigan State University, Charity Motors, Davenport University, Detroit Public Television, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Beaumont Hospitals, tellusdetroit.com, Wolverine Packing, Detroit Metropolitan Credit Union, Fifth Third Bank, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and many other sponsors including food and beverage firms and more than 290 community and youth organizations, who recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs and that youth must use this time wisely to improve their education, the quality of their lives, and life's disciplines, will be held on July 8, 2009, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 8, 2009, as Metro Detroit Youth Day in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Metro Detroit Youth Day Executive Board as evidence of our esteem for their dedication to the well-being of the youth of Michigan.