

Senators Whitmer, Birkholz, Gleason, Cherry, Barcia, Stamas, Gilbert, Garcia, Cropsey and Kahn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 95.

A resolution honoring the C.S. Mott Foundation for its investment in Michigan through the Moving Ideas to Market initiative.

Whereas, The C.S. Mott Foundation was founded in 1926 by Charles Stewart Mott from Flint, Michigan; and

Whereas, The Prima Civitas Foundation is a nonprofit economic and community development collaborative that serves the state of Michigan as it reinvents its economic base in the 21st century; and

Whereas, In November of 2008, the C.S. Mott Foundation awarded the Prima Civitas Foundation a one-year grant called Moving Ideas to Market; and

Whereas, Moving Ideas to Market empowered three action teams, comprised of numerous volunteers from across the state, to collaborate on strategies that improve the commercialization and entrepreneurship culture in Michigan; and

Whereas, The following organizations are currently engaged in the Moving Ideas to Market initiative: Central Michigan University, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, Clinton County Economic Alliance, DeWitt High School, Generation E Institute, Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest, ITEC-Lansing, Junior Achievement of Mid Michigan, Kettering University, Lansing Community College, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Madle Marketing, LLC, Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, Michigan State University, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Virtual University, Michigan Universities Commercialization Initiative, Thumb Area Michigan Works!, Middle Michigan Development Corporation, Midland Tomorrow, Mid-Michigan Innovation Center, Saginaw County Business and Education Partnership, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Flint, and White Brothers Music; and

Whereas, The Moving Ideas to Market grant has had a tremendous and lasting impact on the mid-Michigan region and the entire state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the state of Michigan applauds the C.S. Mott Foundation for its continued efforts throughout our state; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body hereby thank the C.S. Mott Foundation for their investment in Michigan through the Moving Ideas to Market initiative.