

Senators Kuipers, McManus, Switalski, Van Woerkom, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Olshove, Birkholz and Nofs offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 112.**

A resolution recognizing January 31 - February 6, 2010, as Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There are 63,803 students attending 255 Catholic elementary and high schools throughout our great state; and

Whereas, the Constitution of Michigan states: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; and

Whereas, Catholic schools provide young people with a strong foundation of values and academic skills needed to become responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

Whereas, The Catholic Church sees the parents as the primary educators and that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Catholic schools believe that teaching morals and values is essential to the complete education of the student since every member of society continually makes moral decisions; and

Whereas, Catholic schools educate many students who are non-Catholic and many students who are economically disadvantaged; and

Whereas, Catholic school educators are dedicated to producing academically-strong students who also commit themselves to service; and

Whereas, January 31 - February 6, 2010, has been designated as Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life," as denoted by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and

Whereas, The dividends of a Catholic school education--students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline--last a lifetime; and

Whereas, The common good of the state of Michigan is strengthened through the existence of Catholic schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize January 31 - February 6, 2010, as Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan, due to the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools in and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Catholic Conference with our highest esteem.