

Senator Basham offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 181.

A resolution commemorating October 18-22, 2010, as Turn Up the H.E.A.T. Week in Michigan.

Whereas, 2010 marks the 25th anniversary of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.); and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan pay higher taxes and insurance premiums as a result of insurance fraud, auto-related identity theft, and all auto-related crimes; and

Whereas, Since 1985, H.E.A.T. has successfully empowered Michigan residents to fight auto theft in their neighborhoods by confidentially informing authorities of what they know about auto theft-related crimes and rewards citizens for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of these criminals; and

Whereas, As the result of nearly 9,000 calls to 1-800-242-HEAT, these residents have helped H.E.A.T. recover more than \$50 million in stolen property and assisted in the arrest of nearly 3,500 suspects involved in auto theft rings, chop shops, car jackings, fraudulent car thefts, and other auto theft-related crimes throughout the state; and

Whereas, H.E.A.T. is funded by the Michigan auto insurance industry, and its 24/7, toll-free tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police, which directs tip information to appropriate police agencies throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate October 18-22, 2010, as Turn Up the H.E.A.T. Week in Michigan, in recognition of this unique public-private partnership and the profound impact it has had on eliminating auto theft in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That all citizens are encouraged to increase their understanding and awareness of auto theft and how they may protect themselves from and assist authorities with auto theft-related crimes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to H.E.A.T. and the Michigan State Police.