

Senator Robertson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 170.**

A resolution recognizing September 9-15, 2012, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Homeschooling is the fastest-growing educational trend in the United States, growing by an estimated 15 percent per year, with over 2 million children nationwide now in a homeschool program; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long recognized that parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children; and

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

Whereas, Homeschooling parents understand they are to be the primary educators and know that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Parents know 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, Homeschooling parents are dedicated to producing academically-strong students who also commit themselves to service, with studies demonstrating that homeschool students have a stronger understanding and higher participation rate in the governmental system and elections, and a significantly higher percentage are involved in community organizations; and

Whereas, Numerous individuals of note are products of homeschooling, including George Washington, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Agatha Christie, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

Whereas, Homeschoolers come from a diverse number of socioeconomic backgrounds and are from a variety of races and creeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 9-15, 2012, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Home Education League of Michigan as evidence of our esteem.