

Rep. Schmidt offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 107.

A resolution to declare May 11, 2013, as Train Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, America is celebrating “National Train Day” on May 11, 2013. This event is a commemoration of the completion of America’s first transcontinental railroad; and

Whereas, Federal and state transportation departments have made expansion of high-speed and intercity passenger rail a top priority in building 21st-century national infrastructure; and

Whereas, Michigan has benefitted from daily train service on Amtrak’s routes; and

Whereas, Amtrak continues to work with Michigan and other states on the development of the next generation of high-speed and intercity passenger rail trains which will create good jobs in the United States by resurrecting the domestic manufacturing base; and

Whereas, Amtrak ridership grew more than 44 percent between 2000 and 2012 and the railroad carried 31.4 million passengers in 2012, making it the best year in the company's history; and

Whereas, 874,341 passengers boarded or disembarked Amtrak trains in Michigan in 2012; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 11, 2013 as Train Day in the state of Michigan.