

Senators Pappageorge, Brandenburg, Jansen, Hansen, Nofs, Booher, Marleau, Bieda and Proos offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 18.**

A resolution commemorating March 2013 as Ethnic and Cultural Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The culture of the people of the state of Michigan has continually been renewed and enriched by the many different individuals who have chosen to come to Michigan, become citizens, and call this state their home; and

Whereas, Each individual brings with them a part of his or her own heritage which over time integrates into one common heritage, leading us to become a united people; and

Whereas, As unified people with one common heritage, we represent the past, present, and future traditions of our great state; and

Whereas, As united citizens, we celebrate Michigan's heritage with pride and great esteem; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim March 2013 as Ethnic and Cultural Heritage Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Royal Oak resident Joan Larson, who originated this idea years ago, as a token of our highest esteem.