

Senators Pappageorge, Proos, Nofs, Anderson, Marleau, Booher and Brandenburg offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 23.

A resolution proclaiming March 24-30, 2013, as Michigan STEM Awareness Week.

Whereas, An education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is critical to our children's future and the continued growth and prosperity of Michigan; and

Whereas, We look to deliver a world-class education that will determine Michigan's success in the 21st century; and

Whereas, If Michigan students become inspired by science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at an early age, there is a greater likelihood they will want to enter those growing career fields when they graduate; and

Whereas, Increased awareness in our community of STEM education and STEM-related careers will advance Michigan's workforce; and

Whereas, STEM-related careers will be pivotal in the 21st century economy; and

Whereas, A STEM education will ensure our state's workforce will be better equipped for the jobs of tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim the week of March 24-30, 2013, as Michigan STEM Awareness Week. We call upon parents, educators, community organizations, businesses, governments, and the people of Michigan to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.