

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 49.

A resolution to recognize May 3, 2013, as Stand4Change Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Stand4Change Day is a united movement among our country's and our state's youth and educational staff to demonstrate their dedication to promoting inclusive, judgment-free schools across the country; and

Whereas, Defeat the Label, a nonprofit organization, works to bring attention to bullying issues among elementary, middle, and high school students through awareness campaigns, community outreach, special events, and social media; and

Whereas, According to the United States Department of Justice, a child is bullied in the United States every seven minutes, and according to the National Association of School Psychologists, an estimated 160,000 students miss school each day due to bullying; and

Whereas, Defeat the Label has helped to bring awareness of the impact of bullying to our communities and schools across the nation and empowered students to stand up against bullies and their actions; and

Whereas, While students and educators across North America will stand up to bullying by physically standing up in their classrooms at 12 noon (EST) on May 3, 2013, we encourage all Michigan schools to join with them and participate in Stand4Change Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body declare May 3, 2013, as Stand4Change Day in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Education and Jeff Sakwa and Kevin Goldman of West Bloomfield, Michigan, as a token of our appreciation for their efforts in helping to raise awareness in our schools about the impact of bullying.