

Rep. Sarah Roberts offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 15.

A resolution to encourage the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act.

Whereas, This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Older Americans Act. This act stands among the hallmark statutes that have been instrumental in improving the lives of older adults. Originally introduced in 1964, the Older Americans Act, through grants to states, enable an important range of support services for seniors including nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, elder abuse programs, and the support of senior centers; and

Whereas, The programs provided under the umbrella of the Older Americans Act are as important as ever as we face a proliferating baby boomer population. The program also support home care services through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program. For many seniors, these services are a lifeline in providing for their care and meeting basic needs; and

Whereas, The Older Americans Act was last reauthorized in 2011 although appropriations for programs have continued each year. In 2014, Congress appropriated \$1.9 billion for these programs. Passage of S. 192 would reauthorize this essential act through 2018. The continuation of programs for seniors through reauthorization of this law would send a clear signal that serving this vital population is a high priority; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.