

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11.

A resolution to commemorate February 14, 2015, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Due to hard work and excellence during the 2010 Curling Nationals for the second time in the past five years, Wings Stadium has been selected to host the 2105 Curling Nationals. This premier event is held for the selection of the elite athletes to represent the United States in the men's and women's World Curling Championships, being held in Kalamazoo from February 14-21, 2015; and

Whereas, The first curling club in the United States was formed in Michigan and curled on Orchard Lake in 1831. The Orchard Lake Curling Club used hickory block instead of the traditional granite stones used today. Now there are twelve clubs in Michigan, including Ann Arbor, Calumet, Detroit, Escanaba, Ferndale, Gladstone, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Port Huron, and Traverse City; and

Whereas, Hosting the event for a second time would not have been possible without a dedicated staff, experienced management, and a superior venue which will bring international attention to Kalamazoo County and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The success of the 2010 event has caused interest in curling to grow across Michigan and advanced the creation of new clubs that promote fitness as well as strengthen community; and

Whereas, During the 2010 event, 5,000 people visited the city of Kalamazoo and Wings Stadium, and more than \$200,000 was infused into the local economy. Kalamazoo and Wings Stadium have once again been chosen to host this grand event and will have the eyes of American curling focused on them in 2015; and

Whereas, Go Curling Day demonstrates Michigan's commitment to tourism promotion and economic growth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of the legislative body commemorate February 14, 2015, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.