

Senator Jones offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 49.

A resolution to recognize and designate June 22-28, 2015, as Amateur Radio Week.

Whereas, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

Whereas, Amateur radio continues to provide a bridge between people, societies, and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

Whereas, Operators of amateur radio have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades, which are provided wholly uncompensated; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the services amateur radio operators also provide to our many civilian emergency response organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, These same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs, and other charitable public events; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan acknowledges and appreciates the diligence of these hams who also serve as weather spotters in the SKYWARN program of the National Weather Service; and

Whereas, Amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the wake of Hurricane Irene and the paralyzing October blizzard that hit the Northeast and Atlantic Seaboard; and

Whereas, The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the United States; and

Whereas, The ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 27-28, 2015, and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without requiring further infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize and designate June 22-28, 2015, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.