Senator Johnson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 48

A resolution recognizing April 6, 2017, as "Encourage Me I'm Young National Respect Day".

Whereas, Positive behaviors in the classroom encourage positive actions and diminish negativity within schools and communities; and

Whereas, Youth are encouraged to exemplify positive behaviors of courtesy, patience, diversity, organizing, cleanliness, responsibility at school, and responsibility within the community and in the home; and

Whereas, Encouraging youth to participate in these positive behaviors rallies youth to take a positive stand against violence, suicide, racism, and bullying; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature recognizes Calvin T. Mann as a youth mentor and leader, as well as the founder of Encourage Me I'm Young, Inc., a non-profit organization and creator of the Respect Day Movement; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature recognizes the efforts of educators and community leaders in their efforts to promote positive initiatives for the youth of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the impact positive behavior can have on youth, encouraging behavior that promotes inclusion, growth, and acceptance within schools and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of Education, and the President and First Lady of the United States of America.