

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Senators Cherry, Polehanki, Wojno, Bayer, Damoose, McMorrow, Shink, McCann, Hertel, Chang, Geiss and Klinefelt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 11, 2025, as the United
2 Auto Workers' (UAW) White Shirt Day.

3 Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto
4 Workers (UAW) as they gather to mark the 88th anniversary of their
5 first contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a
6 reflection of the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination
7 of those first UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and
8 improved benefits, creating a positive atmosphere for all of
9 America's working men and women. We remember those historic members
10 on this anniversary; and

11 Whereas, On February 11, 2025, UAW members and retirees will
12 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the

1 famous Flint Sit-Down Strike in 1937. While the members of this
2 distinguished organization celebrate this event, we offer our
3 thanks for the outstanding contributions made to the Flint
4 community, our state, and our nation; and

5 Whereas, The origin of the UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced
6 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a UAW member of Local 598,
7 first suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white
8 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they
9 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal
10 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and
11 strength of UAW members; and

12 Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the members
13 and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its founders
14 and the commitment of its workers that have brought them to this
15 point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be
16 casting an eye to the future and the many ways in which United Auto
17 Workers will continue to serve the working men and women of this
18 great country; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
20 body recognize February 11, 2025, as the United Auto Workers' (UAW)
21 White Shirt Day. We commemorate the 88th anniversary of the first
22 United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and everyone who
23 has contributed to its success; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we applaud their accomplishments and thank them
25 for helping to strengthen and build Michigan's communities,
26 workforce, and economy.