

SENATE BILL No. 957

February 2, 2000, Introduced by Senators PETERS, YOUNG, HART, CHERRY, DE BEAUSSAERT, EMERSON, KOIVISTO, VAUGHN, A. SMITH, BYRUM, DINGELL, MILLER, MURPHY, SCHWARZ, NORTH, VAN REGENMORTER, BENNETT, STEIL, SIKKEMA, EMMONS, GOSCHKA, BULLARD, JAYE, MC COTTER, GOUGEON, ROGERS, LELAND, STILLE, GAST, SHUGARS, HAMMERSTROM, DUNASKISS, HOFFMAN and SCHUETTE and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate December 7 of each year as Pearl Harbor day in the state of Michigan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the enormous sacri-
2 fice made by the 2,335 servicemen and servicewomen who gave their
3 lives in the defense of this nation during the Japanese surprise
4 attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Another 1,143 serv-
5 icemen and servicewomen were injured during the attack. The leg-
6 islature further recognizes that the attack on Pearl Harbor
7 changed the course of history by bringing the United States into
8 the war with Japan and Germany. In commemoration of this his-
9 toric and tragic attack, the legislature declares that December 7
10 of each year shall be known as "Pearl Harbor Day".

11 (2) The legislature encourages individuals, governmental and
12 educational institutions, and community organizations to pause on

1 Pearl Harbor day and reflect upon the courage and sacrifice of
2 those who died or were injured in that attack.