Senators Olshove, Cherry, Thomas, Schauer, Clark-Coleman, Anderson and Barcia offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 228.

A resolution to recognize the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

Whereas, On August 19, 1973, Governor Milliken signed 1973 PA 106 to "create an agency on services to the aging" for Michigan; and

Whereas, For the past 35 years, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging has served as the state unit on aging for Michigan in accordance with the requirements of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended; and

Whereas, Michigan has 1.6 million residents age 60 and better; and

Whereas, Michigan's older population is expected to increase in the next decade; and

Whereas, The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging distributes federal and state funding for services that assist older adults to maintain their independence, participate in their communities, and improve their health and nutrition; and

Whereas, The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging works to protect older adults from abuse and exploitation, has fostered innovation in long-term care service delivery, and created model programs adopted by other states and advocates on behalf of all Michigan's older population; and

Whereas, The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging will celebrate 35 years of excellent service to Michigan's older population on November 21, 2008; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we honor the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging for its dedication and service to Michigan older residents for the past 35 years; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging with our congratulations and gratitude.