

Senators Kahn, Bieda, Hopgood, Marleau, Jones and Caswell offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 90.

A resolution to recognize October 20, 2011, as Hispanic Advocacy Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Each year, the United States recognizes the economic, cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking people have brought to our nation, including contributions to law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

Whereas, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent--including those who have lived in Michigan for generations and those who are new to the Great Lakes State--who contribute to Michigan's economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

Whereas, Time and again throughout our nation's history, Hispanic Americans have helped establish America as a place of freedom and opportunity, and their contributions have illustrated what is best about our great nation. Their hard work, love, and deep commitment to faith and family have shaped the character of our country and helped preserve the values that we all cherish; and

Whereas, On October 20, 2011, Michigan's Hispanic-American community will celebrate Hispanic Advocacy Day as a fantastic opportunity for people across the state of Michigan to note the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize October 20, 2011, as Hispanic Advocacy Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to recognize and applaud the many contributions made by these individuals to enhance the quality of life in this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan with our highest esteem.