

Senator Kahn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 67.

A resolution to express support for the state of Michigan officially recognizing September 19, 2013, as International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

Whereas, International Talk Like a Pirate Day (ITLPD) began humbly in 1995 between two pirate enthusiasts named John Baur and Mark Summers as way to express their individual passion for nautical plundering. In 2002, the two friends contacted renowned comedian and author Dave Barry about their holiday creation. Immediately drawn to the idea, Barry used his popularity to promote ITLPD. With his backing, as well as through social media sites like Facebook (where ITLPD has over 76,000 likes), the holiday has grown into a globally-recognized celebration of pirate jargon; and

Whereas, As ITLPD has blossomed into a worldwide phenomenon, it is appropriate for the state of Michigan to formally acknowledge this holiday and grant it the recognition it truly deserves. As a Great Lakes state, one of Michigan's main duties must be promoting worthy maritime initiatives. ITLPD would give Michiganders who feel a strong connection to our Great Lakes an opportunity to properly celebrate beloved maritime activities, past and present; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby express support for the state of Michigan officially recognizing September 19, 2013, as International Talk Like a Pirate Day; and be it further;

Resolved, That copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Office of Michigan Attorney General, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.