

Senator Stamas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 201.

A resolution recognizing Michigan State Police's hazardous materials training center on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of its dedication.

Whereas, The Michigan State Police's Hazardous Materials Training Center was dedicated by Governor John Engler on September 26, 1991; and

Whereas, This four-acre center was constructed at the state's secondary complex in Lansing entirely with support from private industry donations that totaled more than \$350,000; and

Whereas, Many Michigan industries, including the state's chemical industry, railroad industry, petroleum industry, asphalt paving industry, manufacturing industry, propane industry, and trucking industry, collaborated to develop this center; and

Whereas, The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Training Center, now operated by the Michigan State Police was the first public training center of its kind in the United States, and remains a national leader in Hazardous Material emergency training; and

Whereas, Each year this center provides comprehensive training to approximately two thousand individuals, from the public and private sectors, from every county in Michigan, from across the United States, and from as far away as Brazil, South Africa, and Australia; and

Whereas, This center utilizes hands-on training and simulation aids such as railroad cars, highway tank trailers, above/below ground storage tanks, confined spaces, and personal protection clothing and equipment to provide a realistic training environment; and

Whereas, This effort represents a true example of private-public partnership with a collaborative and objective-based training and the center continues to serve the people of Michigan by ensuring that our state's emergency responders have an effective training and exercise program; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Michigan State Police's Hazardous Materials Training Center, and recognize the efforts of partners in government, industry, and Michigan communities to develop this unique center and to continue its work.