

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

Senators Nesbitt, Lauwers and Santana offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate October 16-22, 2023, as  
2 Independent Retailers Week.

3           Whereas, Independent Retailers Week provides a time to  
4 celebrate the food, beverage, and petroleum retail industry and its  
5 dedication to the public in their delivery of services to our  
6 state; and

7           Whereas, The independent retail industry is comprised of  
8 grocers, specialty food markets, convenience stores, and  
9 pharmacies, along with many other businesses providing access to  
10 consumer goods and services in their communities; and

11           Whereas, This industry directly supports more than 158,000

1 employees in full and part-time positions throughout the state; and

2       Whereas, Businesses in the food, beverage, and petroleum  
3 retail industry contribute billions in taxes to state and local  
4 governments; and

5       Whereas, As we celebrate Independent Retailers Week in  
6 Michigan, we acknowledge the many contributions these businesses  
7 and their employees make to our state; now, therefore, be it

8       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
9 body commemorate October 16-22, 2023, as Independent Retailers  
10 Week.