

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Senators Cherry, Bayer, Brinks, Geiss, Polehanki and Singh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 11, 2024, as the United  
2 Auto Workers' (UAW) White Shirt Day.

3 Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto  
4 Workers as they gather to mark the 87th anniversary of their first  
5 contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a reflection of  
6 the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination of those first  
7 UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and improved benefits,  
8 creating a positive atmosphere for all of America's working men and  
9 women. We remember those historic members on this anniversary; and

10 Whereas, On February 11, 2024, UAW members and retirees will  
11 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the

1 famous Flint sit-down strike in 1937. While the members of this  
2 distinguished organization celebrate this event, we offer our  
3 thanks for the outstanding contributions made to the Flint  
4 community, our state, and the nation; and

5       Whereas, The origin of UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced  
6 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a UAW member of Local 598,  
7 first suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white  
8 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they  
9 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal  
10 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and  
11 strength of UAW members; and

12       Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the members  
13 and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its founders  
14 and the commitment of its workers that have brought them to this  
15 point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be  
16 casting an eye to the future and the many ways in which the UAW  
17 will continue to serve the working men and women of this great  
18 country; now, therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
20 body recognize February 11, 2024, as the United Auto Workers' (UAW)  
21 White Shirt Day. We commemorate the 87th anniversary of the first  
22 United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and everyone who  
23 has contributed to its success; and be it further

24       Resolved, That we applaud their accomplishments and thank them  
25 for helping to strengthen and build Michigan's communities,  
26 workforce, and economy.