

Senator Clarke offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 47.**

A resolution commemorating the 23rd Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day.

Whereas, The 23rd Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, sponsored by General Motors, Spartan Stores, Inc., Ford Motor Company, Pepsi-Cola Company, *Detroit Free Press*, Toyota USA, Volkswagen, SBC, McDonald's, Sam's Clubs, Big Boy Restaurants, Kroger Food Stores, Michigan Food & Beverage Association, Wendy's International, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers, Compuware, DOC Optics, Inc., DTE Energy, Detroit Recreation Department, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, Cingular Wireless, Wayne County Park Systems, Fairlane Town Center, WDIV-TV, WWJ Newsradio 950, Penske Corporation, Health Plan of Michigan, Research Federal Credit Union, Health Alliance Plan, Target Stores, and many other sponsors, including food and beverage firms and over 190 community and youth organizations--who recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs and that youth must use this time wisely to improve the quality of their lives and life's disciplines--will be held July 13, 2005, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day, the largest youth event in Michigan, emphasizes the need for physical education facilities and fitness with the need for good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, It is acknowledged that the youth are a valuable asset to our communities and the foundation of our future; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day is intended to bring together the community and the private sector to enhance relationships and improve cooperation and harmony in our communities; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day provides an opportunity for youth to participate in constructive activities outside their immediate home areas, working with other youngsters and numerous volunteers; and

Whereas, Community groups such as the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for SE Michigan, Special Olympics, Detroit Police Cadets, New Detroit, Inc., and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

Whereas, Outstanding and dedicated community leaders, including Ed Deeb of the Michigan Food & Beverage Association; Dr. Tom Moss, retired former Detroit police chief; Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Charles Beckham of the Detroit Recreation Department; Sergeant Curtis Perry of the Detroit Police Cadets; and Dr. Lynne Boyle of the Kiwanis Club are co-chairing this event, along with over 900 volunteers supervising the 23,000 youth who are expected to attend; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 13, 2005, as the 23rd Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the organizers of this event as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to the youth of Metro Detroit.