

Senators Thomas, Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Garcia, Allen and Pappageorge offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 188.

A resolution recognizing May 5-9, 2008, as National Charter Schools Week in Michigan.

Whereas, Charter schools are locally established and founded in communities across the state, offering new educational opportunities to over 100,000 students and their families; and

Whereas, Michigan's 230 charter schools and the dedicated staff and students who work therein are bringing fresh ideas and perspectives to K-12 education; and

Whereas, Charter schools are giving all parents more choices in their children's education; and

Whereas, Charter public schools encourage competition and are accountable to the public through public universities, community colleges, and local and intermediate school districts that help establish and oversee these schools; and

Whereas, Michigan's charter schools experience has resulted in a nationally-recognized system of leadership, performance, and accountability that delivers effective results for the students and families it serves; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize May 5-9, 2008, as National Charter Schools Week in Michigan in honor of these schools and their past, present, and future achievements.