

SR-25, As Adopted by Senate, March 24, 2009

Senators Prusi, Thomas, Cherry, Kuipers, Richardville, Sanborn, Kahn, Jelinek, Olshove, Scott, Brater, Gleason, Anderson, Jacobs, Whitmer, Clark-Coleman, Hunter, Barcia, Basham, Clarke, Switalski, Patterson and George offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 25.

A resolution honoring the 25th Anniversary of Michigan Education Association (MEA)-Retired.

Whereas, MEA-Retired is celebrating its 25th Anniversary as an organization of retired public school employees who remain exceptionally passionate about the cause of public education in our state; and

Whereas, After many years of advocacy for quality school employee retirement benefits through a variety of organizations and arrangements, the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association formally created their respective retired organizations in the 1980s; and

Whereas, MEA-Retired's membership has grown to more than 40,000 members, including both retired and active school employees; and

Whereas, The legislative and political action of MEA-Retired is a critical component of MEA's overall success in advocating both for a quality education for all Michigan students and for quality work environments and retirement benefits for all public school employees; and

Whereas, The leadership of MEA-Retired in the MEA Scholarship Program has helped extend the hope and promise of a college education to hundreds of worthy students over the past decade; and

Whereas, The guidance and experience of MEA-Retired's elected leadership continues to provide sage counsel to those who have picked up the mantle of MEA administration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby salute MEA-Retired on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Education Association members value the continuing commitment of retired public school employees to ensuring an outstanding public education for Michigan's students; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Michigan Education Association (MEA)-Retired with our highest esteem.