

SR-165, As Adopted by Senate, June 16, 2010

Substitute for Senate Resolution No. 165.

A resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Gowanie Golf Club.

Whereas, For the past 100 years, Gowanie Golf Club has existed as a hidden jewel to both the community residents and avid golfers throughout the state. Tucked away quietly in Harrison Township's greenery, the course attests to its name "Gowanie" meaning "Dell of the Daisies"; and

Whereas, Originally named Riverview Golf Club, the course was built by Thomas Shoemaker in 1910 on land that he previously farmed for over 35 years. With nearly 100 acres of open land, it afforded a nine-hole course to patrons. After Shoemaker leased the club to a Scotsman named Dave Millar, the course was remodeled and expanded to an 18-hole course, being renamed to Gowanie Golf Club in 1922; and

Whereas, The property underwent further modifications upon its purchase by Ross Axford in 1938 to its present layout; and

Whereas, Gowanie has overcome numerous plights with the support of its members, employees, and community, pulling itself out of bankruptcy in 2002. In 2007, the club again faced troubles when its 97-year-old clubhouse was burned to the ground, only to be rebuilt again in 2008; and

Whereas, In the same manner the community has supported Gowanie, the club gives back to its community, acting as the home course for Grosse Pointe South and Regina High Schools. The club has also hosted a number of competitions throughout its years, including the Golf Association of Michigan and U.S. Open qualifiers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That tribute hereby be offered in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Gowanie Golf Club; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Gowanie Golf Club.