

Senators Richardville and Brater offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 36.

A resolution recognizing April 20-24, 2009, as Graduate Education Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Graduate education attracts students from across the nation and world to Michigan universities for advanced training; and

Whereas, In graduate certificate, master's, specialists, and doctoral programs across the state, graduate educators are providing access to knowledge and analytic skills essential to ensuring that Michigan workers are among the most productive, creative, and innovative in the world; and

Whereas, Graduate students make vital contributions to the teaching and research that provides the foundation of our new knowledge-based economy and supports community engagement, while serving as teaching and research assistants; and

Whereas, Michigan graduate students have contributed greatly to improve the quality of life for all Michigan's residents by researching vital issues, such as renewable energy sources, new technologies, agricultural productivity, the management of natural resources, and health care, to name a few; and

Whereas, Teachers and faculty with advanced degrees are creating learning environments that prepare Michigan's students of all ages for great success in meeting the workforce needs of Michigan businesses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That April 20-24, 2009, be recognized as Graduate Education Week in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Education and all Michigan colleges and universities with graduate degree programs.