

Senators Van Woerkom, Cropsey, Kuipers and Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 49.

A resolution recognizing May 3-9, 2009, as Michigan Charter Schools Week.

Whereas, Michigan's charter schools law was passed 15 years ago, enabling charter schools to be locally established and founded in communities across the state; and

Whereas, Michigan charter schools provide new educational opportunities to 100,000 students and their families; and

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

Whereas, Michigan's 232 charter schools and their dedicated staff continue to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to K-12 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, Charter schools are making great progress in closing the achievement gap for urban, minority, and at-risk children across the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize May 3-9, 2009, as Michigan Charter Schools Week in honor of their successes and the important role they play in educating Michigan's young people; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers.