

Senators Cropsey and Allen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 148.

A resolution recognizing May 2-8, 2010, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Home education is the fastest-growing educational trend in the United States, growing by an estimated 15 percent per year with over 2 million children nationwide now in a home education program; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long recognized that parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children; and

Whereas, Home education provides young people with a strong foundation of values and academic skills needed to become responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

Whereas, Home-educating parents see themselves as the primary educators and know that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Home-educating parents know that teaching morals and values is essential to the complete education of the student since every member of society continually makes moral decisions; and

Whereas, Home-educating parents are dedicated to producing academically-strong students who also commit themselves to service, with studies demonstrating that home-educated students have a stronger understanding and higher participation rate in the governmental system and elections, and a significantly higher percentage are involved in community organizations; and

Whereas, Numerous individuals of note are products of home education, including George Washington, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Agatha Christie, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

Whereas, Home educators come from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and a variety of races, sex, and creeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 2-8, 2010, as Home Education Week in the state of Michigan.