

Senator Bieda offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 32.**

A resolution to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear-plant disaster and those affected by the accident.

Whereas, The anniversary of the Chernobyl incident is commemorated on April 26, 2011; and

Whereas, Michigan's commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster is led by the Ukrainian-Americans of Southeast Michigan, particularly the Ukrainian Cultural Center; and

Whereas, It is appropriate to honor and seek to preserve the memories of those who lost their lives in this most tragic incident; those who are still affected by the disasters; and those who continue fighting to aid the citizens of the Ukraine who are still reeling from the disaster; and

Whereas, The effects of the Chernobyl catastrophe were far-reaching. Even though it was a time of great contention between the former Soviet Union and the United States, we as citizens of Michigan and the United States still offered up our support and sympathies for those hurt by the accident; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to a proud community of Ukrainian-Americans who are an integral part of their communities in their new homeland. These individuals endure the burden of the disaster and are still fighting the good fight to aid their brothers and sisters in the Ukraine; and

Whereas, Michiganders seek to honor the memories of their fellow human beings who suffered through Chernobyl; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage all Michiganders to observe the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, and we honor those who perished in this tragic accident and those who still carry the burden of the disaster with them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren, Michigan.