

Senator Hune offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 129.

A resolution declaring March 26-30, 2012, as Graduate Education Week in the state of Michigan.

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

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

Whereas, While serving as teaching and research assistants, graduate students make vital contributions to the teaching and research that underpins our new knowledge-based economy and supports community engagement; and

Whereas, Michigan graduate students continue to change the way we fuel Michigan's economy by stimulating entrepreneurship; improving quality of life; and researching areas of renewable energy sources, water quality, new technologies, agricultural productivity, transportation enhancements, sustainability, management of natural resources, disease prevention, medical innovations, health care delivery mechanisms, and unique health care issues for children and the elderly; and

Whereas, Michigan teachers/faculty with advanced degrees are creating learning environments that assist Michigan's children, young adults, and lifetime learners to become more productive and informed citizens who are able to meet Michigan's workforce needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body proclaim March 26-30, 2012, as Graduate Education Week in the state of Michigan.