

Reps. Schmidt, Barnett, Darany, Denby, Heise, Howrylak and Lamonte offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 277.

A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of SCORE Michigan.

Whereas, SCORE is a non-profit association of volunteer business professionals established in 1964 that is dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and providing mentoring services and guidance to help small businesses start, grow, and succeed in Michigan and nationwide. The association is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014; and

Whereas, SCORE Michigan has nine chapters and over 270 volunteer business professionals who annually donate over 30,000 hours of their time and talent to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses succeed by providing nearly 5,000 mentoring sessions free of charge and offering small business educational workshops to over 4,600 attendees; and

Whereas, In a 2012 Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) research study, SCORE clients reported starting 735 new businesses, creating 1,215 new jobs, and generating over \$75 million in total revenue growth at no cost to the state of Michigan. Fifty-three percent of SCORE's clients served were women, 32% minorities, and 13% veterans; and

Whereas, SCORE contributes to government revenue nationally through client returns to the Federal Treasury of \$59 for every \$1 appropriated to SCORE as of 2012, and helped create upwards of 82,000 jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of SCORE Michigan. We recognize their support of Michigan's small businesses and entrepreneurs and celebrate the pivotal role that a business mentoring and assistance organization can have on small businesses and entrepreneurs within the state and nationally; and be it further

Resolved, That we promote the dedicated and localized stimulation of small-business throughout the state as exemplified through SCORE's continued success.