

SR-13, As Adopted by Senate, February 5, 2013

Senators Pappageorge, Booher, Nofs, Green, Proos, Colbeck, Jones, Brandenburg and Kahn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 13.

A resolution to recognize The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial as the state's official tribute to Michigan's contributions during the Second World War.

Whereas, The effects of World War II were momentous, from the halt of tyranny that threatened the existence of freedom, the ushering in of the Atomic Age, and the redrawing of international borders to the baby-boomer generation, the G.I. Bill, the changing role of women, and civil rights advances; and

Whereas, When it comes to World War II, Michigan has an important history to share with more than 600,000 residents serving in the armed forces and countless others serving on the home front where Rosie the Riveter and the Arsenal of Democracy were born; and

Whereas, From the factories to the fields, Michigan supplied the war effort with everything from guns, tanks, bombers, planes, and ships to livestock, crops, and K-rations; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will provide a year-round, multi-purpose destination that will encourage visitors to commemorate those who served and celebrate our freedoms; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial fosters an environment that will attract visitors of all ages to explore and learn and serve as an inspiration for future generations, reminding us all of the remarkable patriotism, sacrifices, and extraordinary devotion to liberty that helped save the world from fascism; and

Whereas, After flying nearly 1,400 Michigan WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., free of charge, to see the National WWII Memorial, Honor Flight Michigan Legacy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is proud to take on the new mission of leading the effort to bring The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial to life; and

Whereas, Honor Flight Michigan Legacy is working with professional historians, educators, architects, designers, and artists to build this memorial; and

Whereas, Michigan military organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and Jewish War Veterans enthusiastically support The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial; and

Whereas, The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will reside in Memorial Park in the city of Royal Oak, Michigan, in a location dedicated to the memory of those who served in WWII; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial as the state's official tribute to Michigan's contributions during the Second World War.