

SR-118, As Adopted by Senate, February 12, 2014

Senator Hune offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 118.

A resolution designating February 16-22, 2014, as Michigan Court Reporting and Captioning Week.

Whereas, For millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and have relied on scribes to accomplish this task; and

Whereas, The profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

Whereas, In ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

Whereas, Scribes were present with our nation's Founding Fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

Whereas, President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

Whereas, Since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed-captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

Whereas, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we designate February 16-22, 2014, as Michigan Court Reporting and Captioning Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be urged to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great state of Michigan to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters as a reflection of our esteem.