

Senators Bieda and Whitmer offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 40.

A resolution recognizing May 24, 2013, as Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, May 24, 2013, is designated as the first Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan. It is with gratitude that we recognize these chaplains on their great work, dedication, and services to our communities; and

Whereas, Public service chaplains provide a number of services and assistance in the community, consisting of public safety awareness and actions, disaster or crisis assistance, along with religious roles to increase faith and spirituality through faith-based organizations, and many governmental, educational, and community organizations. Other positions can range from counseling to business matters, as they reflect upon the strong faith and devotion of the individuals and families they bring together; and

Whereas, The public service chaplains of today's society undergo thorough training and certification in order to provide the best assistance to those seeking or in need of support. These chaplains have acquired immense knowledge through the experiences within their training. They possess leadership skills and continue to grow and be involved in community outreach efforts; and

Whereas, Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day is promoted for recognition, participation, and observation in all local and statewide businesses, organizations, and government and public safety departments for their wide variety of contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer acknowledgement and appreciation that May 24, 2013, be recognized as the first Public Service Chaplains Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to James Friedman, Senior Pastor of Greater Christian Ministries International, on behalf of public service chaplains.