

Senators Whitmer and Jones offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 195.

A resolution in honor and remembrance of the service of Deputy Grant William Whitaker.

Whereas, Deputy Grant William Whitaker was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, December 7, 2014, following a vehicle pursuit at approximately 2:11 a.m. in Stockbridge Township; and

Whereas, Deputy Whitaker was 25 years old, born on June 29, 1989, and had been employed with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office for one and a half years. Prior to working with the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Whitaker served as a police officer part-time with the Stockbridge Police Department and Waterloo Township Police Department; and

Whereas, To honor Deputy Whitaker, Stockbridge residents are taking part in a national movement called "Lights On," which honors fallen police officers by asking people to leave their porch lights on or by replacing a white bulb with a blue one; and

Whereas, People in town say they plan to leave their lights on until the end of December, and fellow deputies will wear a black band across their badges in honor of his passing; and

Whereas, Deputy Whitaker grew up in Stockbridge, where he played baseball for and graduated from Stockbridge High School; and

Whereas, Grant always felt the need to serve, which is why he became a police officer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we honor and remember the great service of Deputy Grant William Whitaker to law enforcement and the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the family members of Deputy Grant William Whitaker as a token of our high esteem.