

**SR-180, As Adopted by Senate, May 19, 2016**

Senators Hune and Emmons offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 180.**

A resolution of tribute honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Whereas, The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) was formed on May 23, 1916, when a small group of dairy farmers from Livingston County gathered at what was then the Michigan Agriculture College in East Lansing. They met to establish a stable, reliable market and price for their milk; and

Whereas, The principles established in 1916 of guaranteeing a market and payment for members' milk have laid the ground work for what is now an integral part of today's dairy industry and Michigan's economy; and

Whereas, The methods and technology of producing milk are vastly different today than in 1916. The strength of the Michigan Milk Producers Association is as strong as the desire of those forward-thinking dairy farmers from 100 years ago; and

Whereas, Through great leadership, the cooperative united a membership of independent-thinking dairy producers from Michigan and the surrounding states; and

Whereas, As the Michigan Milk Producers Association survived and thrived through wars, protests, high interest rates, changes in leadership, criticism from outsiders, and a volatile milk market, the members of the cooperative stood strong, backing their leadership and knowing they would be stronger together; and

Whereas, The leadership has been unparalleled, the dedication has been unequalled, and the result has been a century of trust, commitment, and strength; and

Whereas, For 100 years, the dairy farmer members of MMPA have worked together to provide premium quality milk and have supported our state's economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute in honor of the Michigan Milk Producers Association on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary of its founding on May 23, 1916. We want to congratulate the Michigan Milk Producers Association in its entirety--the members, their leaders, and the entire staff from office to office and plant to plant; and be it further

Resolved, That we wish them many more decades of success as they continue to work together toward tomorrow to feed and nourish a hungry state, a hungry country, and a hungry world; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Milk Producers Association as evidence of our esteem.