

Senator Kowall offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 52.

A resolution recognizing the 150th Anniversary of BASF.

Whereas, BASF is the world's leading chemical company by sales; and

Whereas, BASF has a substantial presence in the state of Michigan that stretches back to 1969, beginning with its purchase of Wyandotte Chemicals. Today, the company has more than 1,600 employees in Michigan, with facilities located in Wyandotte, Southfield, Livonia, Mattawan, Lincoln Park, Wixom, Troy, and Rochester Hills; and

Whereas, The BASF sites in Michigan and their employees contribute to the well-being of the communities in which they reside through support of local charities and nonprofit organizations, business associations, and chambers of commerce. BASF also supports the University of Michigan and has partnered with the Michigan Science Center to bring the BASF Kids' Lab program to local schoolchildren; and

Whereas, History shows that chemistry is an enabler for new ideas and solutions, and BASF's corporate purpose is "We create chemistry for a sustainable future"; and

Whereas, BASF is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2015; and

Whereas, In its 150th year, BASF will focus its "We create chemistry" strategy on addressing global challenges in three areas: urban living, smart energy, and food; and

Whereas, BASF's Michigan sites are contributing solutions to addressing these and other challenges that confront our local communities, state, nation, and the world; and

Whereas, BASF has made it a priority throughout its history--and in particular in its 150th year--to connect people and ideas to make a lasting contribution to society; and

Whereas, BASF has pledged to continue to use what it learns in its anniversary year for the benefit of society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we extend best wishes and congratulations to BASF on its 150th Anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all the BASF facilities in the state of Michigan as a token of our esteem.