

Senator Hildenbrand offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 67.

A resolution to commemorate June 8, 2015, as Barbershop Harmony Day.

Whereas, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), known now as the Barbershop Harmony Society, was officially organized on April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, On June 8, 1940, the Pioneer District, which exclusively covers the state of Michigan, was the Barbershop Harmony Society's first district to formally organize; and

Whereas, What began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

Whereas, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and

Whereas, The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music and has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America. The group is dedicated to sustaining and preserving the American tradition of the barbershop quartet and promotes musical education through music scholarships, charitable foundations, and other means; and

Whereas, Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate June 8, 2015, as Barbershop Harmony Day in the state of Michigan.