

Senator Young offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 77.**

A resolution commemorating July 15, 2015, as Metro Detroit Youth Day.

Whereas, More than 340 community and youth organizations will sponsor Metro Detroit Youth Day on July 15, 2015, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit. These organizations recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs, and the youth must use this time wisely to improve their education, the quality of their life and life's disciplines, and be inspired to do the most good; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day is the largest youth event in Michigan and the Midwest. It emphasizes the need for physical education and fitness, good sportsmanship, community service, and guidance from mentorships, role models, and college scholarships; and

Whereas, It is acknowledged that our youth are a valuable asset to our communities and the foundation of our future; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day brings together the total community and the private sector to enhance relationships and improve community cooperation and harmony; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day provides an opportunity for youth to participate in constructive activities outside their immediate home areas, working with thousands of other youngsters and more than 1,600 volunteers; and

Whereas, The historic 33rd Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day is sponsored by General Motors Foundation, SpartanNash, Inc., Detroit Free Press, Ford Motor Company, Pepsi Beverages Company, Motor City Casino, Volkswagen, Detroit International Bridge Company, Sam's Club, MGM Grand Detroit, Michigan Food & Beverage Association, Costco Wholesale, Garden Fresh Salsa, Kroger Company, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers, DTE Energy, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Detroit Recreation Department, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Wayne County Park Systems, Meijer, Inc., Quicken Loans, CoventryCares of Michigan, Inc., WDIV-TV, WXYZ-TV7 and TV20, CBS, Fox 2 TV, MEDC/Pure Michigan, Comerica Bank, WWJ Newsradio 950, Michigan State University, Charity Motors, Greektown Casino, Walmart, Detroit Public Television, St. John Providence Hospitals, Beaumont Hospitals, tellusdetroit.com, Great Lakes Agricultural Fair, Wolverine Packing, Domino's Pizza, Fifth Third Bank, 5/3 Michigan State Fair, American Axle & Manufacturing, and many other sponsors, including food and beverage firms, Eastern Michigan University, Davenport University, Oakland University, University of Michigan, Wayne County Community College, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, and others; and

Whereas, Community groups such as the NAACP, Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Police Cadets, The Skillman Foundation, New Detroit, Inc., Forgotten Harvest, Detroit Public Schools Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

Whereas, Outstanding and dedicated community leaders such as foundation founder and co-chair Ed Deeb; co-chairs Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Alicia Bradford of Detroit Recreation Department; Sergeant Curtis Perry of Detroit Police Cadets; John Ambrose of Michigan State University; Keith Creagh of the Department of Natural Resources; Harold Edwards of MichCon (retired); and Barbara Jean Johnson of Tireman Center, along with hundreds of volunteers supervising the more than 34,000 youths expected to attend; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate, July 15, 2015, as Metro Detroit Youth Day in the state of Michigan.