

Senators Bieda, Kowall and Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 110.

A resolution to recognize November 10, 2015, as the Second Annual Michigan Auto Heritage Day.

Whereas, Michigan's automotive heritage is preserved and promoted by the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership, an affiliate of the National Park Service. National Heritage Areas are places where natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally-important landscape arising from patterns of humanity; and

Whereas, The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership is Michigan's only National Heritage Area, located throughout a region of more than 10,000 miles covering a population of more than 6 million people. The MotorCities National Heritage Area is the largest concentration of auto-related sites, attractions, and events in the world, bringing millions of visitors and dollars into the state's economy each year; and

Whereas, The goals of the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership include providing educational outreach to interpret and communicate the auto and labor story; and acknowledging and recognizing appreciation of an industry deeply woven into Michigan's past, present, and future. In addition, the economic strength of our nation is connected integrally to the vitality of the automobile industry, which employs millions of workers; and

Whereas, The industrial and cultural heritage of the automobile industry in Michigan includes the social history and living cultural traditions of many generations; and

Whereas, The original legislation that created the MotorCities National Heritage Area in 1998 was championed by Congressman John Dingell and Senator Carl Levin, two of Michigan's longest-serving public servants. The MotorCities National Heritage Area has been reauthorized by Congress through 2021, thus supporting continued programs that will preserve and promote auto heritage; and

Whereas, For the second year, Michigan legislators will be invited to participate in the Automotive Caucus for members to exchange ideas and influence policy, including auto heritage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize November 10, 2015, as the Second Annual Michigan Auto Heritage Day; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership.