Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 144.

A resolution to commemorate the official recognition of the Michigan Air National Guard's 217th Air Operations Group.

Whereas, The 217th Air Operations Group of the 110th Attack Wing was formed on April 1, 2009, and immediately provided support for its state and nation both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, The citizen airmen of the 217th Air Operations Group have served with distinction in Operation Juniper Micron, Operation Odyssey Dawn, Operation United Assistance, Operation Enduring Freedom, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill recovery, and numerous training events, answering the call for more than 66,700 man-days of active duty service to their community, state, and nation; and

Whereas, The professionalism, diligence, and selfless service evidenced by the citizen airmen of the 217th Air Operations Group have earned a reputation for excellence that reflects great credit upon themselves, the Michigan Air National Guard, and the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate February 17, 2016, as 217 Day throughout the state of Michigan in recognition of the official activation of the 217th Air Operations Group based at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. We congratulate the citizen airmen of the 217th Air Operations Group on their many achievements and express our gratitude for their continued service to the people of Michigan.