

Senators Gregory, Marleau, Robertson, Knollenberg, Kowall, Schmidt, Zorn, Green and Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 152.

A resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Whereas, The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on April 5, 2016, at the Commission meeting to be held at Glen Oaks County Park in Farmington Hills, Michigan; and

Whereas, The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission was established under 1965 PA 261 on February 8, 1966; and

Whereas, The Oakland County Park System was created on April 8, 1966, and the first .25 mill levy to support the system was approved on November 8, 1966; and

Whereas, Every millage request has been approved by Oakland County voters; the most recent in 2010 with 76 percent of the vote and was the highest approval rate ever; and

Whereas, The current park system consists of:

- 13 parks totaling 6,700 acres and 65 miles of natural and paved trails;
- 5 golf courses (Glen Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Red Oaks, Springfield Oaks, and White Lake Oaks);
- 3 dog parks (Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, and Red Oaks);
- 2 waterparks (Red Oaks and Waterford Oaks);
- 2 nature centers (Red Oaks and Independence Oaks);
- 2 full-service campgrounds (Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks);
- 5 day use parks (Catalpa Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Orion Oaks, and Rose Oaks); and
- The Oakland County Farmers Market; and

Whereas, The Mobile Recreation Program includes trailers that will bring you a portable zipline, two climbing towers, five inflatable fun packages, three mobile stages, and three transit buses; and

Whereas, The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has been the innovative leader providing 50 years of innovative parks and facilities for its residents; and

Whereas, From the development of the first wave pool in Michigan at Waterford Oaks to building a golf course over the Red Run Drain, creating the first countywide program for adaptive

recreation and originating the Great Marshmallow Drop in 1978, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has been the leader in developing unique opportunities within its borders for families to enjoy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission as a token of our esteem.