

Senators Colbeck and Pavlov offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 222.

A resolution recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Whereas, On the morning of December 7, 1941, America was attacked without warning at Pearl Harbor by the air and naval forces of Imperial Japan. More than 2,400 people perished and another 1,100 were wounded, triggering our nation's entry into World War II; and

Whereas, Prior to the attack at Pearl Harbor, America was divided between isolationist groups and those who believed that we needed to aid the Allies, who were dealing with the outbreak of war in Europe since 1939; and

Whereas, After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States saw a new unity and common direction, which propelled us not only to victory, but gave us strength as a nation to allow us to do great things for decades to come; and

Whereas, On December 7, 2016, we focus our honor on those who lost their lives 75 years ago, as well as all past veterans who have fought to preserve our freedom and democracy. Today, we also reach out to the current generation and the citizens of Michigan who answer their country's call to service, remembering Pearl Harbor by their deeds, their devotion to duty, and their willingness to defend freedom in all ways; and

Whereas, December 7, 1941, remains a "Day of Infamy" in the memories of the citizens of the state of Michigan, as well as our great nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That this resolution serve not just as a symbol of American valor, but also as a resolve for all Americans in preserving our collective strength and unity. Such unity has propelled us in the past, and such unity can help to propel us once again; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We urge the people of Michigan to acknowledge the importance of recognizing this day, remembering what was lost, and resolving strength in unity for our country's great future.