

SR144, As Adopted by Senate, March 21, 2018

Senator Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 144.

A resolution to declare March 27, 2018, as Education Day.

Whereas, Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and

Whereas, In the great state of Michigan we seek the betterment of our citizens and look to instill each child and adolescent with a good education; and

Whereas, By preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops their intellect through lessons in literacy, math, and science; and

Whereas, One shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind; and

Whereas, The Rebbe was a tireless advocate for youth around the world who emphasized the importance of education and good character and who also instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe; and

Whereas, In general, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career or in common parlance “to make a better living,” and that we must think in terms of a “better living” not only for the individual, but also for the society as a whole, and that the educational system must therefore pay more attention, indeed the main attention, to the building of character, with emphasis on moral and ethical values; and

Whereas, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal; and

Whereas, The United States Congress established the Rebbe's birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

Whereas, The President of the United States paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it “Education and Sharing Day U.S.A.”; and

Whereas, The character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our state; and

Whereas, This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Chabad Lubavitch of Michigan by the Rebbe; and

Whereas, Since 1958, Chabad Lubavitch, of Michigan, promoted the values of education in Michigan through its centers and institutions across the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body declare March 27, 2018, as Education Day, and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.