

Senator Young offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 67.

A resolution commemorating July 12, 2017, as Metro Detroit Youth Day.

Whereas, More than 360 community and youth organizations will sponsor Metro Detroit Youth Day on July 12, 2017, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit. These organizations recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs, and the youth must use this time wisely to improve their education, the quality of their lives and life's disciplines, and be inspired to do the most good; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day is the largest event in Michigan and the Midwest. It emphasizes the need for physical education and fitness, good sportsmanship, community services, and guidance from mentorships, role models, and college scholarships; and

Whereas, It is acknowledged that our youth are a valuable asset to the community and the foundation of our future; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day brings together the total community and the private sector together to enhance relationships and improve community cooperation and harmony; and

Whereas, Metro Detroit Youth Day provides an opportunity for youth to participate in constructive activities outside their immediate home areas, working with thousands of other youngsters and more than 1,700 volunteers; and

Whereas, The historic 35th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day is sponsored by SpartanNash, Inc.; Detroit Free Press; Ford Motor Company; Pepsi Beverages Company; Motor City Casino Hotel; Volkswagen; Garden Fresh Salsa Company; Kroger Co.; Detroit Lions; Detroit Pistons; Detroit Tigers; DTE Energy; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Detroit Recreation Department; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan; Wayne County Park Systems; Meijer, Inc.; MASCO Corporation; Aetna Better Health of Michigan; WDIV-TV, WXYZ-TV7, and TV20; CBS; Fox 2 - WJBK TV; MEDC/Pure Michigan; Comerica Bank; WWJ Newsradio 950; Michigan State University; Charles Motors; Greektown Casino; Walmart; Detroit Public Television; St. John Providence Hospitals; Beaumont Hospitals; tellusdetroit.com; Great Lakes Agricultural Fair; Wolverine Packing; Domino's; Fifth Third Bank; 5/3 Michigan State Fair; American Axle & Manufacturing; and many other sponsors, including food and beverage firms; Eastern Michigan University; Oakland University; University of Michigan; Wayne County Community College District; Wayne State University; Western Michigan University; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Mechanical Contractor - Detroit; Michigan Building Trades Council; Detroit Winsor Tunnel, LLC; and others; and

Whereas, Community groups such as the NAACP, Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Police Cadets, The Skillman Foundation, New Detroit, Inc., Forgotten Harvest, Detroit Public Schools Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

Whereas, Outstanding and dedicated community leaders such as foundation founder and chairman Ed Dee; co-chairs Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Sergeant Curtis Perry of Detroit Police Cadets; John Ambrose of Michigan State University; Ron Olson of Department of Natural Resources; Harold Edwards of MichCon (retired); Bruce Ross & Associates; and Barbra Jean Johnson of the Tireman Center are co-chairing this event, along with hundreds of volunteers supervising the more than 35,000 youths expected to attend; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body do hereby commemorate July 12, 2017, as Metro Detroit Youth Day.