

Senators Bieda, Kowall, Knezek, Ananich and Gregory offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 86.

A Resolution supporting Restoration of Appropriation for the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

Whereas, The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership was designated by Congress in 1998 as one of 48 National Heritage Areas nationwide; and

Whereas, The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership, located throughout a region of more than 10,000 miles covering a population of more than six million people in southeast and central Michigan, was created to preserve the cultural and historic landscape associated with the area that “Put The World on Wheels”; and

Whereas, MotorCities National Heritage Areas generates an economic impact of over \$410 million; supports more than 4,500 jobs; and generates tax revenue of more than \$35 million through initiatives, partnership and grants such as:

1. Preservation and restoration of many landmarks from the Ford Model T Complex to R.E. Olds structures and exhibits in Flint and Lansing.
2. More than 250 Wayside interpretive exhibits that link unique local stories within the overall auto heritage story of Michigan.
4. Multiple educational exhibits such as “Making Tracks; The African American Experience in the Auto Industry” and “Forward Gear Yesteryear” that tell the rich story of the people, places and innovation that helped create the middle class and expand Michigan’s industrial power; and

Whereas, Federal appropriations for the MotorCities National Heritage Area and the other 48 National Heritage Areas in the country was previously included under the Historic Partnership Program of the budget of the National Parks Service and most recently approved in the FY17 budget at a level of \$19,821,000; and

Whereas, National heritage areas generate over \$1 Billion in tax revenue, providing substantial leverage to federal funding and creating a trickle-down effect in economic as well as cultural impacts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That this legislative body urges the U.S. Congressional Appropriations committees to restore the Historic Partnership Program in the FY18 budget from zero to level funding of \$19,821,000; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be provided to U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters; U.S. Representatives Jack Bergman, Bill Huizenga, Justin Amash, John Moolenaar, Dan

Kildee, Fred Upton, Tim Walberg, Mike Bishop, Sander Levin, Paul Mitchell, Dave Trott, Deborah Dingell, John Conyers and Brenda Lawrence, and the Executive Director, Shawn Pomaville, of MotorCities National Heritage Area.