

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

Senators Hoitenga, Lauwers, Damoose, Bumstead, Outman, Hauck, Daley, Webber, Bellino, McBroom, Victory, Theis, Shink, Albert, Huizenga, Runestad, Johnson, Wojno, Lindsey and Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Michigan State University Board of
2 Trustees to include a representative from Michigan's agricultural
3 community on the Presidential Search Committee.

4 Whereas, Michigan's agricultural sector is one of the top
5 economic engines and job creators in the state of Michigan.
6 Agriculture is one of the fastest growing sectors in the Michigan
7 economy; and

8 Whereas, Michigan State University was founded as an
9 agricultural college and continues to be an important driver for
10 agriculture research and innovation in this state. Michigan State

1 University's agriculture and agriculture operations programs are
2 ranked number one in the state, and Michigan State University was
3 ranked as one of the top ten agriculture and forestry colleges
4 worldwide in 2021; and

5 Whereas, The selection of Michigan State University's next
6 president will have profound implications on the future of
7 Michigan's agricultural sector, yet there is no direct
8 representation of Michigan's agricultural community on the
9 university's Presidential Search Committee. It is imperative that
10 the voices of Michigan's agricultural sector be represented on the
11 search committee; and

12 Whereas, This grievous oversight must be corrected to add
13 representation from Michigan's agricultural community on the
14 Michigan State University Presidential Search Committee. America's
15 pioneer land grant university, whose original mission was to teach
16 agriculture, deserves no less; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan State
18 University Board of Trustees to include a representative from
19 Michigan's agricultural community on the Presidential Search
20 Committee; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 members of Michigan State University's Board of Trustees.