

Senator Allen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Wolverine, Michigan, and its important place in Michigan's history.

Whereas, We are proud to join with the residents and neighbors of the community of Wolverine in Cheboygan County, Michigan, in celebrating the upcoming 125th Anniversary of its inception. This milestone is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those brave settlers who founded the community, some of whose descendants remain in Wolverine to this day and continue to make it a wonderful place; and

Whereas, In 1847, settlers established the logging community on the banks of the Sturgeon River, which on January 2, 1881, became Wolverine, given its name by George B. Richard. In the same year, the Central Railroad constructed the Wolverine depot to enhance its growing logging industry. The depot, which still stands today, is one of Michigan's treasured historical sites; and

Whereas, By 1903, the population of Wolverine and its surrounding communities was over 1,000 people and was considered a booming logging community in northern Michigan, with many different lumberyards and mills; and

Whereas, Wolverine has been the home to such notable citizens as Dr. Marion Goddard, the first female doctor in northern Michigan; John Baird, Michigan's first conservation director; and "Wildcat" Charlie, a river hog with whom the Wolverine schools now share a nickname; and

Whereas, The citizens of Wolverine and its surrounding communities still number around 1,000 people. Wolverine is also the proud home of the Lumberjack Festival, which celebrated its 25th year in existence, helping the community recall its proud roots every summer; and

Whereas, With festivities to celebrate its history, its citizens and neighbors will remember the vision and dedication of those pioneers who worked to create Wolverine and will maintain that pioneering tradition of excellence in years to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That a unanimous accolade of tribute be hereby accorded to commemorate the village of Wolverine on its 125th Anniversary and to express sincere appreciation for its rich history and its contributions to the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the village of Wolverine as evidence of our esteem and congratulations.