

Senator Gilbert offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 126.

A resolution to honor Michigan-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) for their service in aiding hurricane victims.

Whereas, It is with great pride that we honor Michigan members of Michigan-1 DMAT, who in many instances were the initial medical first responders in the disaster areas created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We offer our most sincere thanks and commendations to each of the men and women who have courageously represented the state of Michigan with their willingness to help those in need and provide exemplary medical service to fellow citizens in the most challenging of storm-ravaged environments; and

Whereas, The physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, logistics and communications personnel, and administrators assisted in saving the lives of injured and helpless hurricane victims who often were separated from their families and loved ones. They committed their time, energy, and professional ability to serve other's needs--putting the welfare of others above concern for their own safety and well-being. Their sacrifice gave hope to so many who might otherwise have not found such a shining example of a better and brighter tomorrow to come; and

Whereas, Those to whom the team ministered were empowered by their efforts and given full opportunities for recovery and healing. We are also grateful to the families of Michigan-1 DMAT members, who also carried on commendably in their absence, so that they were able to effectively serve hurricane victims and the great state of Michigan. The team's service is an historic testimony to the goodwill of Michigan's citizenry and will serve as a model for future generations of citizens of Michigan and the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body hereby offer this expression of honorable commemoration for Michigan-1 DMAT members; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan-1 DMAT members as a reflection of their dedication and service to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.