

Senator George offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 165.

A resolution designating December 4-8, 2006, as Promise Week.

Whereas, The Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program was announced approximately one year ago; and

Whereas, The Kalamazoo Promise provides Kalamazoo Public School graduates with the opportunity to obtain post-secondary education with up to a 100 percent tuition scholarship; and

Whereas, The Michigan Senate joins the Kalamazoo community in recognizing the importance of student success and educational excellence in creating community vitality and economic development for the greater Kalamazoo area and the entire state; and

Whereas, A strong correlation has been documented between educational attainment and a community's quality of life; and

Whereas, The Kalamazoo Promise dramatically intensifies the area's focus on and commitment to education; and

Whereas, The community is grateful to the generous anonymous donors who made the Kalamazoo Promise possible. It also recognizes the responsibility of every member of the community to take ownership of and build on the promise of educational success and community vitality; and

Whereas, The week of December 4-8, 2006, is declared Promise Week to highlight and foster the work of four broad-based community task forces in the areas of student success, educational excellence, community vitality, and economic development; and

Whereas, Community events including a town meeting, a youth and education fair, forums, and local meetings will be held during Promise Week to highlight the community's response to the announcement of the Kalamazoo Promise; to describe the importance and impact of the Promise on the greater Kalamazoo area and its example to communities across the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That December 4-8, 2006, be designated as Promise Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Senate encourages the entire Kalamazoo community to attend Promise Week activities and discover ways to build on the Promise through personal involvement and commitment.