

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 139.

A resolution recognizing January 2008 as Mentoring Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate are dedicated to the continued support of efforts to better the lives of Michigan's youth; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize that a mentor provides a positive influence during a pivotal time in a child's life. The lasting effects reach not only the children involved, but serve to strengthen our communities statewide; and

Whereas, Through the activities and initiatives undertaken by the many mentoring programs throughout the state, thousands of Michigan's young people are given the opportunity to learn skills they need to succeed; and

Whereas, Statistics indicate that most children who have had positive role models and mentors in their lives are less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and more likely to perform at a higher level at school; and

Whereas, Mentoring Month allows us to honor those who have donated their time and experiences to better the lives of our state's youth. Further, it operates to highlight the great importance mentoring has in our local communities and state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize January 2008 as Mentoring Month in the state of Michigan.