

Senator Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 169.

A resolution recognizing April 9, 2008, as Homeschoolers Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Homeschooling is the fastest-growing educational trend in the United States, growing by an estimated 15 percent per year of the last several years with 2 million to 2.4 million children nationwide in a homeschool program; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognized in 1963 that parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children; and

Whereas, Homeschooling provides young people with a strong foundation of values and academic skills needed to become responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents see themselves as the primary educators and know that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents know that teaching morals and values is essential to the complete education of the student since every member of society continually makes moral decisions; and

Whereas, Homeschooling parents are dedicated to producing academically-strong students who also commit themselves to service, with studies demonstrating that homeschool students have a stronger understanding and higher participation rate in the governmental system and elections, and a significantly higher percentage are involved in community organizations; and

Whereas, Homeschoolers come from a diverse number of socioeconomic backgrounds and are from a variety of races, sex, and creeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 9, 2008, as Homeschoolers Day in the state of Michigan.