

SR-123, As Adopted by Senate, March 4, 2010

Senators Bishop and Kuipers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 123.

A resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Indian Trails motorcoach company.

Whereas, The year 2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Owosso-based motorcoach company, Indian Trails. The members of the Michigan Legislature consider it an honor and great privilege to commemorate this occasion and proudly extend tribute to Indian Trails who has successfully helped Michiganders travel safely throughout the state and country for a century. This company's success has been built upon quality service and safety, with personal service, rider safety, and comfort always coming first; and

Whereas, Indian Trails began moving passengers and freight from the Durand Union Train Depot to points around Shiawassee County in 1910. Now, with the help of 125 dedicated employees, Indian Trails transports more than 1 million passengers over 4 million miles annually in 62 luxury motorcoaches, with service throughout Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas, as well as other parts of the country. Not only does Indian Trails operate daily scheduled service from many points throughout Michigan, but 60 percent of their operations are in providing charter services for many types of groups, including college athletic teams, professional sports teams, corporations, tour operators, and schools; and

Whereas, In 2006, in conjunction with Okemos Travel, Indian Trails launched Michigan Flyer, which provides eight round-trips daily between East Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor, and Detroit Metropolitan Airport. This endeavor has led to over 100,000 passengers utilizing this helpful transit service yearly, and the demand for this service has led to the planned construction of a permanent Michigan Flyer office and hub at Michigan Avenue and Howard Street in Lansing Township; and

Whereas, Since establishing a new equipment purchase policy in the 1950s, Indian Trails has become a leader in operating one of the largest and most modern fleets of deluxe motorcoaches in Michigan. Each coach is equipped with Wi-Fi, 110-volt electrical outlets, and two types of GPS systems. Every coach in their fleet is less than five years old, and the company has recently invested \$3.5 million for the purchase of seven new Prevost H3-45 coaches, equipped with three-point safety belts, making them one of the first motorcoach companies in the country to have the added safety feature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join with the entire state in praising and paying tribute to Indian Trails for their commitment to excellence and quality transportation service in Michigan as they celebrate 100 years of business; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the owners of Indian Trails as evidence of our highest esteem.