

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Senators Cherry, Bellino, McMorrow, Geiss, McCann, Klinefelt, Cavanagh, Singh, Chang, Hertel, Moss, Damoose, Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 11, 2023, as the United
2 Auto Workers' (UAW) White Shirt Day.

3 Whereas, We recognize Michigan's members of the United Auto
4 Workers as they gather to mark the 86th anniversary of their first
5 contract with General Motors. This anniversary is a reflection of
6 the extreme sacrifice, commitment, and determination of those first
7 UAW members who paved the way for higher pay and improved benefits,
8 creating a positive atmosphere for all of America's working men and
9 women. We remember those historic members on this anniversary; and
10 Whereas, On February 11, 2023, UAW members and retirees will

1 wear white shirts to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the
2 famous Flint sit-down strike in 1937. While the members of this
3 distinguished organization celebrate this event, we offer our
4 thanks for the outstanding contributions made to the Flint
5 community, our state, and the nation; and

6 Whereas, The origin of UAW's White Shirt Day can be traced
7 back to 1948 when Bert Christensen, a UAW member of Local 598,
8 first suggested it. His idea was to ask that workers wear the white
9 shirts traditionally worn by managers to show the company that they
10 were equally important to the business. The shirts represent equal
11 respect and treatment for blue-collar workers and the unity and
12 strength of UAW members; and

13 Whereas, With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the members
14 and officers of the UAW will remember the vision of its founders
15 and the commitment of its workers that have brought them to this
16 point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be
17 casting an eye to the future and the many ways in which the UAW
18 will continue to serve the working men and women of this great
19 country; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
21 body recognize February 11, 2023, as the United Auto Workers' (UAW)
22 White Shirt Day. We commemorate the 86th anniversary of the first
23 United Auto Workers contract with General Motors and everyone who
24 has contributed to its success; and be it further

25 Resolved, That we applaud their accomplishments and thank them
26 for helping to strengthen and build Michigan's communities,
27 workforce, and economy.