

Senator Jacobs offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 47.**

A resolution observing May 8, 2009, as Bessie Spector Older Jewish American Day.

Whereas, In 1963, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May as Older Americans Month, and in 2006, President George W. Bush recognized May as Jewish American Heritage Month. We gather on this date to honor and recognize the contributions of older Jewish Americans to the fabric of our nation; and

Whereas, We assemble in this chamber today to acknowledge the important contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation in such areas as the civil rights, international politics, science, arts, and culture; and

Whereas, Over half a million Jewish Americans fought for this nation in World War II, receiving three Medals of Honor and numerous Distinguished Service Awards; and

Whereas, The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, through its Elderlink program, has sought to unite and observe the works of Jews 95 years and older in our communities with the Bessie Spector Older Jewish Americans event in West Bloomfield; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body proclaim May 8, 2009, as Bessie Spector Older Jewish American Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit as evidence of our esteem for their dedication and commitment to recognizing and honoring these important contributors to our community.