Senator Hildenbrand offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 16.

A resolution to declare February 24, 2011, as Conductive Education Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Conductive education (CE) was developed over sixty years ago in Hungary by Dr. András Petö; and

Whereas, CE is a unique teaching system that maximizes the independence and mobility of children and adults with neuromotor disabilities, such as stroke survivors and those with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, acquired brain injuries, Parkinson's disease, and spina bifida; and

Whereas, CE operates from a core belief in neuroplasticity, the lifelong ability of the brain to reorganize neural pathways based on new experiences, and on the premise that no matter how severe the disability, people can learn and improve when they are motivated; and

Whereas, CE has the potential to make a significant, life-changing impact on the mobility and independence of close to 9 million people in the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, CE helps individuals learn their way to independence; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize February 24, 2011, as Conductive Education Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage support for this important program that increases the independence of people with disabilities in our community.