Senator Whitmer offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 139.

A resolution recognizing April 21-28, 2012, as Money Smart Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's program Money Smart Week is an annual event that takes place April 21-28, 2012; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan is located in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's district. There is a branch office in Detroit; and

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has conducted Money Smart Week in Michigan for the past eight years; and

Whereas, Financial institutions, government entities, and community- and faith-based organizations throughout Michigan work together to make Money Smart Week a success; and

Whereas, Money Smart Week consists of numerous financial training sessions throughout the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Over six thousand Michigan residents benefited from Money Smart Week programs last year, with over two hundred and fifty Money Smart Week programs; and

Whereas, Last year, Money Smart Week programs were presented in the counties of Alcona, Antrim, Calhoun, Emmet, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston, Marquette, Muskegon, Wayne, and Wexford; and

Whereas, Money Smart Week is a model for similar programs throughout the nation. Improved financial training promotes individual responsibility for financial affairs, knowledgeable citizens, stronger communities, and a more perfect state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 21-28, 2012, as Money Smart Week in the state of Michigan, acknowledging the great contributions of Money Smart Week in and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Ingham County Treasurer with our highest esteem.