

Senators Brandenburg, Bieda and Rocca offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 114**

A resolution recognizing the 200th Anniversary of Macomb County on January 15, 2018.

Whereas, Originally settled by French fur trappers during the 17th century, Macomb County was officially organized on January 15, 1818, making it the third county in the Michigan Territory. The county was named after General Alexander Macomb Jr., a Detroit-born, decorated veteran of the War of 1812; and

Whereas, In 1840, settlers had moved into Macomb County where they started to build farms, county villages, and townships. The population included a mixture of settlers from France, England, Germany, and Belgium; and

Whereas, Between 1920 and 1930, the population of Macomb County more than doubled, growing from around 38,000 to over 77,000 people. This increase was largely driven by the early urbanization of Detroit and the opening of Selfridge Field in 1917, now known as Selfridge Air National Guard Base; and

Whereas, Today, Macomb County is home to 865,000 citizens and has developed from a small settlement into a driving force in business, innovation, and the Michigan economy. It is currently the third-largest county in the state and is home to 27 cities, townships, and villages; and

Whereas, Macomb County's boundaries include vibrant, urban areas with a wide range of industry, commerce, countless natural features, and abundant agricultural lands. From the densely-populated southern cities to the rural northern villages, Macomb County enjoys an abundance of resources which make it an attractive place to live, work, and play; and

Whereas, Macomb County is home to a vast assortment of more than 18,000 businesses which has fueled its economic growth through solid infrastructure and a skilled workforce. Macomb County also heralds industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, defense, health care, retail, agriculture, food processing and more; and

Whereas, Macomb County is an invaluable part of the history of Michigan and their accomplishments have played a large role in the state's significance over the past 200 years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this resolution recognizing the 200th Anniversary of Macomb County on January 15, 2018.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the office of Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and the office of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.