

Senators Sanborn, Garcia, Goschka, Cropsey, Gilbert, Hardiman, Bishop, Barcia, Allen, Olshove, Brown, Birkholz, Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers and Van Woerkom offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 113.

A resolution commemorating March 31, 2006, as Terri's Day of Remembrance in Michigan.

Whereas, There are millions of Americans who live with profound or severe cognitive impairments and profound mental retardation or severe brain damage who have parents, children, and loved ones who wish to care for them; and

Whereas, Americans need to be informed of their individual and family options to obtain a "living will," also known as a "will to live"; and

Whereas, There is a need to support and encourage families to spend time pursuing "Culture of Life" events on this day, which honor and respect some aspect of the culture of life, by visiting, volunteering, or supporting a nursing home, a school for disabled youth and adults, a long-term care facility, or by praying at their place of worship; and

Whereas, There is a need to support establishment of a state network of Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation professional volunteers to assist families who are confronted with making life and death choices for their loved ones, but lack the professional guidance to assist them; and

Whereas, We support the Schindler Schiavo Foundation in the formation of health care facilities for brain-injured patients; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate March 31, 2006, as Terri's Day of Remembrance and Celebration of the Culture of Life in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage Congress and the President of the United States to establish March 31, 2006, as a National Terri's Day of Remembrance and Celebration of the Culture of Life and encourage activities which celebrate this designation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and the Michigan congressional delegation.