

Senator Hardiman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 166.

A resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (MAHSA).

Whereas, It is the pleasure of the Michigan Senate to commemorate and honor the 40th Anniversary to the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging--Michigan's only trade organization representing the entire not-for-profit long-term care continuum; and

Whereas, Founded in 1968 as the Michigan Non-Profit Homes Association, MAHSA members are sponsored by religious, ethnic, fraternal, government, and other not-for-profit organizations that annually donate millions in charitable care to Michigan seniors. MAHSA is anchored by eight member organizations that were founded more than 100 years ago: Clark Retirement Community, Evangelical Homes of Michigan, Holland Home, Jewish Home and Aging Services, Lutheran Homes of Michigan, Michigan Masonic Pathways, United Methodist Retirement Communities, and Volunteers of America Michigan; and

Whereas, MAHSA provides more than 8 million days of care annually to seniors across Michigan in a variety of settings--independent living, affordable housing, assisted living, nursing home, home care, home and community-based services, and hospice; and

Whereas, MAHSA's values guide the work of its members and provide an example to aging-service organizations everywhere; and

Whereas, As MAHSA gathers in Kalamazoo, April 28-30, 2008, to celebrate its many accomplishments and plan for a brighter future, may the membership be assured that their hard work and dedication to Michigan's elders have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we proudly commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to MAHSA President and CEO David E. Herbel as a symbol of our esteem.