

Senator Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 78.

A resolution commemorating September 2009 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, One in 330 children will develop cancer by age 20, and each school day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer; and

Whereas, Every year, over 12,500 children are diagnosed with cancer; and

Whereas, Cancer is the No. 1 killer of children by disease; and

Whereas, Childhood cancer forever changes the lives of children and families in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Although the five-year survival rate is steadily increasing, one-quarter of children diagnosed with cancer will die within five years of diagnosis; and

Whereas, While great improvements have been made, some childhood cancers still have a grim prognosis; and

Whereas, Currently, there is estimated to be over 270,000 survivors of childhood cancer in the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim September 2009 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Michigan residents Shawn and Sandy Smith, who originated this idea, as a token of our highest esteem.