**SR-167, As Adopted by Senate, August 15, 2012**

Senator Hildenbrand offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 167.**

A resolution proclaiming the week of September 10, 2012, as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The literacy of our citizens is essential for the economic well-being of the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The economy and our position in the national and world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population; and

Whereas, Unemployment rates are the highest among those without a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) credential, indicating that education is key to economic recovery; and

Whereas, Our state reaps the economic benefits of those who raise their literacy, numeracy, and English language skills; and

Whereas, The education skills of parents and reading to children have a direct impact on the educational success of their children; and

Whereas, Parental involvement is a key predictor of a child’s success, and the level of parental involvement increases as the education level of the parent increases; and

Whereas, Parents in family literacy programs become more involved in their children’s education and gain the tools necessary to obtain a job or find better employment; and

Whereas, As a result, children’s lives become more stable, and success in the classroom and in all future endeavors becomes more likely; and

Whereas, Adult Education and Family Literacy Week highlights the need for programs that support efforts to ensure each and every citizen has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, work, and in society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim the week of September 10, 2012, as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage people across the state to support programs that assist those in need of adult education and family literacy programs during this week and throughout every day in the years ahead.