

SR-177, As Adopted by Senate, September 27, 2012

Senator Hopgood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 177.

A resolution recognizing October 8-12, 2012, as Turn Up the H.E.A.T. Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Legislature recognizes that this year marks the 27th anniversary of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.). To celebrate this milestone and recognize the program's many successes, we are proclaiming October 8-12, 2012, as Turn Up the H.E.A.T. Week; and

Whereas, Since 1985, H.E.A.T. has successfully empowered Michigan residents to fight auto theft in their neighborhoods by confidentially informing authorities of what they know about auto theft-related crimes. As the result of nearly 9,000 calls to 1-800-242-H.E.A.T., these residents have helped H.E.A.T. and its partners in law enforcement recover more than \$54 million in stolen property. They have also assisted in the arrests of more than 3,400 suspects involved in auto theft rings, chop shops, carjackings, fraudulent car thefts, and other auto theft-related crimes throughout the state; and

Whereas, H.E.A.T.'s 24/7, toll-free tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police Criminal Investigation Section, which directs tip information to appropriate police agencies throughout the state; and

Whereas, This year, H.E.A.T. is hosting its annual Anniversary Breakfast on October 10 at GM Heritage Center, where 250 members of law enforcement, the insurance industry, media, and other H.E.A.T. partners come together to celebrate the success of the program. In addition, for the second year, H.E.A.T. is hosting a West Michigan event the following week as the program continues to expand its reach and influence to other areas of the state. The events bring together insurance industry officials, law enforcement officers, and elected leaders from across the state to salute our unique public-private partnership to eliminate auto thefts in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize October 8-12, 2012, as Turn Up the H.E.A.T. Week in Michigan, and we commemorate all the great work Help Eliminate Auto Thefts is doing; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Help Eliminate Auto Thefts with our highest esteem.