

Senators Moolenaar, Booher, Hopgood, Casperson, Hansen, Nofs, Caswell and Proos offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 41.

A resolution congratulating the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) upon the celebration of their 60th Anniversary.

Whereas, The Michigan Retired Public School Employees Association was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on December 15, 1951, as a department of the Michigan Education Association (MEA). In 1953, they began publishing the *VANGUARD*, an educational newsletter for retired school employees that still exists today; and

Whereas, The Michigan Retired Public School Employees Association broke ties with the MEA when they became an organized employees union and, on August 24, 1954, affiliated with the National Retired Teachers Association; and

Whereas, In 1965, the Michigan Retired Public School Employees Association officially changed their name to the Michigan Retired Teachers Association and, in 1969, joined the newly-developed Retirement Coordinating Council; and

Whereas, In 1974, the Michigan Retired Teachers Association approved a new constitution and changed their name to the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; and

Whereas, In 1983, the MARSP's membership rejected a merger proposal from the Michigan Education Association, moved their association headquarters from Detroit to Lansing, and became a completely independent association; and

Whereas, In 1991, construction was begun on the new MARSP Center located at the corner of Jolly and Collins Roads near Lansing, and in April of 1992, the MARSP Center was dedicated and opened as the new home of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; and

Whereas, The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel is an advocacy organization which represents exclusively all retired public school personnel in the fight for protection and enhancement of retirement benefits; and

Whereas, The MARSP has become the voice for all school retirees in the Legislature and the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. Their dedication to retired public school personnel has never changed through the years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body congratulate the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) upon the celebration of their 60th Anniversary. We join retired school employees from around the country in congratulating MARSP and their 45,000 members on this event and commend them for their efforts on behalf of current and retired public school employees; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel as a token of our esteem.