

Senator Meekhof offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 46.

A resolution recognizing May 1-7, 2011, as Michigan Charter Schools Week.

Whereas, Michigan's charter schools law was enacted 17 years ago, enabling charter schools to be locally established and founded in communities across the state; and

Whereas, Charter schools provide new educational opportunities to 110,000 students and their families; and

Whereas, These schools give all parents more choices in their children's education; and

Whereas, Michigan's 247 charter schools and their dedicated staff continue to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to K-12 education; and

Whereas, Charter public schools encourage competition and are accountable to the public through public universities, community colleges, and local and intermediate school districts that help establish and oversee these schools; and

Whereas, Charter schools are making great progress in closing the achievement gap for urban, minority, and at-risk children across the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize May 1-7, 2011, as Michigan Charter Schools Week in honor of their successes and the important role they play in educating Michigan's young people; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of Public School Academies.