

Senators Marleau, Hune, Meekhof, Jones, Green, Brandenburg, Hansen, Rocca, Robertson, Hildenbrand, Booher, Proos, Pavlov, Kowall, Emmons, Schuitmaker, Casperson, Caswell, Pappageorge, Jansen, Kahn and Colbeck offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 50.**

A resolution recognizing 2011 as World Veterinary Year in Michigan.

Whereas, The world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761; and

Whereas, 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the veterinary medical profession; and

Whereas, Veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect human beings, such as salmonellosis, West Nile virus infection, yellow fever, and malaria; and

Whereas, Valuable public health services are provided by veterinarians through preventive medicine, protection of food safety, control of zoonotic diseases, preparedness for emergency response to natural and man-made disasters, and scientific research; and

Whereas, Veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations, such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy; and

Whereas, Michigan veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize 2011 as World Veterinary Year in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to State Veterinarian Dr. Steve Halstead, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and the Michigan Department of Community Health with our highest esteem.