

Senators Kowall, Marleau, Emmons, Jones, Robertson, Bieda, Hunter, Nofs, Walker, Casperson, Pappageorge, Meekhof, Moolenaar, Hildenbrand, Smith, Young, Anderson, Hood and Johnson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 159.

A resolution to commemorate August 2012 as Automotive Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan inventors put the world on wheels and established the state as the world headquarters for the auto industry. Their actions and inventions have enriched and touched all our lives; and

Whereas, Michigan is synonymous with Motor City and talk of the automobile. It was Michigan's automotive heritage and prowess that led to President Franklin D. Roosevelt labeling the state as the "Arsenal of Democracy"; and

Whereas, Despite facing the most brutal and unrelenting economic times in our industrial history, Michigan is still home to 89 automotive facilities and has the highest automotive industry employment in the country, with 22 percent of the state's total workforce either directly or indirectly tied to the industry; and

Whereas, The Woodward Dream Cruise is the world's largest one-day celebration of classic car culture, attracting more than one million visitors and more than 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector, and special interest vehicles to Michigan every year; and

Whereas, As united citizens and automobile enthusiasts, we celebrate Michigan's automotive heritage with pride and great esteem; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate August 2012 as Automotive Heritage Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Woodward Dream Cruise Board, whose efforts to honor our state's great automotive heritage through the nation's largest automotive heritage cruise event serve as an important showcase to honor our past and encourage people to invest in our future.