

SR-24, As Adopted by Senate, March 18, 2015

Senator Hood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 24.

A resolution honoring the accomplishments of women from the city of Detroit in observance of Women's History Month.

Whereas, The Senate recognizes the outstanding contributions of women from the city of Detroit throughout the history of the state; and

Whereas, Martha Griffiths was an outstanding pioneer public servant, being the first Michigan woman appointed to Detroit Recorder's Court, first woman elected to Congress, first woman elected as Lieutenant Governor, and was a great champion of adding women to the Civil Rights Act; and

Whereas, Erma Henderson, passionate advocate for equality in workplaces, restaurants, and hotels, was the first African-American woman to serve on the Detroit City Council, first African-American woman to be City Council president, and inductee into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, an organization that seeks practical solutions to the problems of hunger, economic disparity, inadequate education, and racial divisiveness, provided community support and leadership to those around her and national assistance through her congressionally-approved Supplemental Nutrition Program for women and children; and

Whereas, Maryann Mahaffey, former president of the Detroit City Council, advocated for creating programs to make low-income housing accessible, architect of the first Rape Crisis Center in the city of Detroit, delegate of the National League of Cities, and chair of the Michigan delegation to the United Nations Conference on Women; and

Whereas, Rosa Parks, fervent civil rights leader and activist, was known for standing up by not surrendering her seat during the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Detroit resident since 1957, deaconess of Detroit's African Methodist Church, recipient of numerous awards and honorary doctoral degrees, and co-founder of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, an organization to enrich the lives of youth ages 11-17 years old; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby honor the accomplishments of women from the city of Detroit in observance of Women's History Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the lives and efforts of Michigan women embody a study in the power of hard work, dedication, and commitment to calling, community, family, and state. We are indeed grateful for all of their achievements, which will continue to have an impact on many people across Michigan in the years to come; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer words of praise and gratitude for Michigan's women, not just during Women's History Month, but every day of the year.