

Senator Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 81.

A resolution to commemorate the weekend of July 24, 2015, as Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)-Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Fill the Boot Weekend in Michigan.

Whereas, Firefighters have long been America's heroes who risk their lives for the safety and well-being of the communities they serve; and

Whereas, Firefighters have one of the most hazardous professions, requiring extensive training, strength, endurance, courage, and a selfless concern for the welfare of Michigan's citizens; and

Whereas, For over 60 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has partnered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

Whereas, Since 1954, IAFF members have shown an unwavering commitment to defeating muscular dystrophy and related life-threatening diseases; and

Whereas, Due to their service and dedication to the MDA, firefighters from the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union have raised more than \$4.1 million to find a cure to fight these neuromuscular diseases; and

Whereas, Funds are raised primarily through MDA's signature Fill the Boot campaign, in which member firefighters gather on streets across the country collecting money in their boots from neighbors and passersby; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the weekend of July 24, 2015, as MDA-Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Fill the Boot Weekend in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That this legislative body applauds the dedicated service and contribution firefighters provide to the residents of Michigan and the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union and the Muscular Dystrophy Association as a token of our appreciation.