

Senators Booher and Green offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 208.

A resolution recognizing GreenStone Farm Credit Services on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Farm Credit System.

Whereas, On July 17, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the Federal Farm Loan Act (chapter 245, 39 Stat 360), which established the Farm Credit System; and

Whereas, Agriculture's impact on the lives of people throughout the world cannot be overstated, influencing more than simply what consumers eat for dinner, such as clothing and materials used at work and school; and

Whereas, The Farm Credit System plays an important role in the success of Michigan agriculture and economic vibrancy of rural communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, The agriculture industry contributes around \$100 billion annually to the state's economy, with more than 50,000 farms employing hundreds of thousands of people across Michigan; and

Whereas, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, organized as a cooperative, is the largest agricultural lender in the state of Michigan, with nearly 24,000 members and 36 branches throughout its territory, managing nearly \$8 billion in assets; and

Whereas, Supporting rural communities and agriculture in Michigan, GreenStone Farm Credit Services provides reliable, consistent, competitive credit and financial services. This includes loans, equipment and building leases, life insurance, crop insurance, accounting services, and tax services; and

Whereas, GreenStone Farm Credit Services is committed to continuing a tradition of assisting farmers and rural communities through its promotion of agricultural organizations that mentor the next generation of farmers, such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and the Farm Forward Mentorship program; and

Whereas, GreenStone Farm Credit Services is an important part of the national Farm Credit System that helps rural communities and agriculture grow and thrive by financing vital infrastructure and communication services; and provides farmers with the capital they need to make their businesses successful; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize GreenStone Farm Credit Services on the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Farm Credit System; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer this expression of highest tribute to GreenStone Farm Credit Services and its employees for their consistent support of agriculture and rural communities in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, the Farm Credit System, the United States Farm Credit Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as evidence of our highest esteem.