

Senator Young offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 210.**

A Resolution recognizing Sisters Network® Inc.'s 15<sup>th</sup> National African American Breast Cancer Conference in Detroit on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Whereas, Sisters Network® Inc. (SNI) is a leading voice and the only national African American breast cancer survivorship organization in the United States, supported by survivor-run affiliate chapters nationwide.

Whereas, SNI is governed by an elected Board of Directors and assisted by an appointed Medical Advisory Board; and

Whereas, The organizations' national slogan, "STOP THE SILENCE®," speaks directly to the African American community and its long standing history of not discussing cancer and other life threatening health concerns; and

Whereas, The organization's trademark and successful national community based outreach programs are the Gift for Life Block Walk® and the Pink Ribbon Awareness Initiative; and

Whereas, These initiatives are implemented through Sisters' affiliate chapters and are generously underwritten through corporate and community partnerships, and private contributions; and

Whereas, In April 2010, SNI made history by hosting the First National African American Breast Cancer 5K Walk /Run in Houston, Texas; and

Whereas, In April of 2012, The Stop the Silence® 5K Walk/Run attracted over 6,500 participants from cities across the United States. Funds raised from Stop the Silence® benefit Sisters Network® Inc. Breast Cancer Assistance Program; and

Whereas, The pink ribbon is the national symbol for breast cancer awareness, SNI has initiated the Pink Ribbon Awareness Campaign. The focus of this outreach is to increase the number of women obtaining mammograms and heighten their general knowledge of breast cancer; and

Whereas, SNI's affiliate chapter members and community volunteers disseminate information on breast cancer to African Americans all across the United States; and

Whereas, This great sisterhood has established a nationally recognized program through SNI; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body recognize Sisters Network® Inc. on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Senate send a copy of this resolution to Karen E. Jackson, Founder and CEO of Sisters Network® Inc.