

Senator Shirkey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 101.

A resolution recognizing the long standing contributions made by Michigan's Manufacturing Community.

Whereas, Michigan is home to a diverse manufacturing sector that includes transportation, machinery, alternative energy, food and beverage, computer and electrical products, furniture, bioscience, chemical, defense-related manufacturing, and many others; and

Whereas, Manufacturing represents one-fifth of Michigan's gross state product; and

Whereas, One out of every seven nonfarm jobs in Michigan is in the field of the manufacturing industry, employing 608,500 men and women; and

Whereas, Michigan's manufacturing total output exceeds \$92.55 billion annually; and

Whereas, Michigan has created more than 156,500 new manufacturing jobs in the last eight years—an increase of 34.6 percent—thus remaining the national leader in manufacturing job creation and outpacing all other states; and

Whereas, More growth is still possible as new skilled talent enters the workforce to claim the more than 3.5 million high-paying, high-tech and innovative advanced manufacturing careers expected to be needed over the next decade; and

Whereas, During this week, the nation looks to highlight the positive image of careers in manufacturing through the annual National MFG Day; and

Whereas, We encourage residents to reflect this week on the road that Michigan has traveled as a manufacturing state and the bright future which lays ahead; and

Whereas, We join with the Michigan Manufacturers Association to applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of Michigan's manufacturers and their role in making Michigan the Comeback State it is today; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the long standing contributions made by Michigan's Manufacturing Community.