

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Senator Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the
2 Michigan State Employees Association (MSEA).

3 Whereas, The Michigan State Employees Association (MSEA) was
4 founded on November 21, 1950 by a visionary group of 100 dedicated
5 state employees and their lawyer, Archie C. Fraser; and

6 Whereas, These individuals recognized the urgent need for a
7 unified voice to advocate for the rights, dignity, and well-being
8 of public servants across Michigan; and

9 Whereas, MSEA has grown to represent over 4,000 state of
10 Michigan employees across more than 100 classified job
11 classifications and 16 departments, ranging from law enforcement to
12 skilled trades; and

13 Whereas, Throughout its lengthy history, MSEA has worked with
14 the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the state legislature to

1 improve retirement benefits, annual and sick leave, and fight for
2 livable wages; and

3 Whereas, Among its pivotal campaigns, the association has led
4 efforts to change public policy for leave of absence instead of
5 resignation for pregnancy, bring in Social Security benefits, adopt
6 unemployment benefits, establish a state-paid retirement system,
7 and secure overtime compensation for all state employees; and

8 Whereas, Members have come together not only to advocate for
9 their interests, but also as a source of solidarity, resilience,
10 and empowerment; and

11 Whereas, This unity has fostered a culture of mutual respect
12 and shared purpose among Michigan's public servants, ensuring their
13 voices are heard in the halls of power; and

14 Whereas, We applaud the Michigan State Employees Association
15 for its enduring legacy of advocacy and service to public
16 employees, and express confidence in its continued commitment to
17 protecting their rights and welfare in the years ahead; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
20 body commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Michigan State
21 Employees Association (MSEA).