

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Senator Outman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate November 2021 as "Do Business with a
2 Veteran Month".

3 Whereas, United States (U.S.) military veterans, 634,000 from
4 the state of Michigan, have sacrificed over the years for our
5 liberties and freedoms, including the right to open a business; and

6 Whereas, Members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the
7 United States develop a wide array of skills during their time of
8 service that support entrepreneurship; and

9 Whereas, Many veterans build on their experience in the Armed
10 Forces to start their own business after leaving active service;
11 and

12 Whereas, Veterans form a vital part of the U.S. and Michigan's

1 labor force, and companies that hire veterans benefit from their
2 diverse set of skills; and

3 Whereas, Veteran-owned businesses make up almost six percent
4 of all businesses in the U.S., with an estimated \$947.7 billion in
5 receipts, approximately 3.9 million employees, and about \$177.7
6 billion in annual payroll; and

7 Whereas, There are over 44,000 veteran-owned small businesses
8 in the state of Michigan; and

9 Whereas, We owe our gratitude, thanks, and respect to those
10 veterans, the businesses they run, and the businesses that hire
11 them and wish to show our appreciation for their role in securing
12 our nation and liberty; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
14 body designate November 2021 as "Do Business with a Veteran Month";
15 and be it further

16 Resolved, That we encourage all Michigan citizens to seek out
17 veteran-owned businesses and companies that hire veterans and honor
18 them by doing business with them, not only in the month of
19 November, but also year-round.