MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 90

Offered by Senator Outman

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE NOVEMBER 2021 AS "DO BUSINESS WITH A VETERAN MONTH"

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Veterans form a vital part of the U.S. and Michigan's labor force, and companies that hire veterans benefit from their diverse set of skills; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate November 2021 as "Do Business with a Veteran Month"; and be it further

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

Adopted by the Senate, October 27, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate