

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.143

Senators Bullock and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize May 19, 2022, as National Black  
2 McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA) Day.

3       Whereas, The NBMOA is committed to helping African American  
4 communities by providing educational resources, promoting tolerance  
5 and acceptance, and empowering the people they serve through state  
6 and local chapters of Black McDonald's Operator Associations; and

7       Whereas, On December 21, 1968, Herman Petty became the first  
8 African American to own a McDonald's franchise, located at 6500  
9 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; and

10       Whereas, The McDonald's partnership with Herman Petty opened  
11 the doors and gave hope to a generation of ambitious African  
12 American businessmen and women seeking a piece of the American

1 Dream. By 1969, there were 12 African American owned and operated  
2 McDonald's restaurants, mostly located in the Midwest; and

3       Whereas, In May 1972, The founding members of the NBMOA  
4 attended their first convention, presided by Herman Petty. The  
5 members include Sherman Claypool of Milwaukee, Wayne Embry of  
6 Milwaukee, Andrew Davis of Chicago, John Perry of Chicago, Mallory  
7 Jones of St. Louis, Noel White of Chicago, Lester Hairston of  
8 Chicago, Cloris Dale of Kansas City, Andrew Murrell of Kansas City,  
9 Walter Pitchford of Chicago, Benjamin Davis of St. Louis, and  
10 Edward Wimp of Chicago; and

11       Whereas, The tenacity and courage of these African American  
12 entrepreneurs and pioneers laid the foundation for what has become  
13 the most successful group of entrepreneurs in the United States  
14 today. They paved the way for the NBMOA to be both partners and  
15 leaders, dedicated to providing resources across their communities  
16 in an effort to help build stronger neighborhoods; and

17       Whereas, The Black McDonald's Operators Associations in  
18 Michigan encompass 14 independent Black franchisees, over 70  
19 restaurants located in 15 densely populated Black communities, and  
20 employ over 2,800 employees; and

21       Whereas, The Michigan Black operators are Stephen Blackwood,  
22 Tina Brundidge, Jon Campbell, Sr., Sam Cox, Steven Hogwood, Dr.  
23 William Pickard, Sonja Shields, Maureen Smith, James Thrower II,  
24 Joni Thrower-Davis, Marla Thrower, Artie Vann, Monique Vann-Brown,  
25 and Carl Wiseman; and

26       Whereas, The Black McDonald's Operators Associations in  
27 Michigan are committed throughout the year, both by sponsoring and  
28 being active in communities, like the longstanding Turkey Family  
29 Giveaway, Celebrating Black History Makers of Today student

1 scholarship program, and the Breakfast with Black Santa events.  
2 Other events include, but are not limited to, youth reading and  
3 back-to-school initiatives, youth career development, public  
4 servants and frontline workers appreciation programs, job and  
5 opportunity fairs, arts, culture, and music festivals, as well as  
6 city and neighborhood community events; and

7       Whereas, The meaningful efforts of Black McDonald's operators  
8 throughout our state engage local neighborhoods and embody the true  
9 spirit of family and community; and

10       Whereas, In May 2022, the NBMOA will also celebrate it's 50  
11 year anniversary; now, therefore, be it

12       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
13 body recognize May 19, 2022, as National Black McDonald's Operators  
14 Association (NBMOA) Day; and be it further

15       Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Michigan  
16 operators that are members of the National Black McDonald's  
17 Operators Association for their continued service to our state, its  
18 youth, and our communities; and be it further

19       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
20 Black operators of the McDonald's Operators Associations in  
21 Michigan.