

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

Senator Irwin offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Eastern  
2 Michigan University.

3       Whereas, In 1849, Eastern Michigan University (EMU) was  
4 founded as the Michigan State Normal School, the first institution  
5 dedicated to educating American teachers west of the Allegheny  
6 Mountains; and

7       Whereas, EMU has long been a leader in educating professional  
8 teachers, being the first American normal school to offer a four-  
9 year curriculum; and

10       Whereas, As the first public college in Michigan to admit both  
11 men and women regardless of race, EMU has been at the forefront in  
12 advancing equity in higher education; and

1           Whereas, In 1852, the Michigan State Teachers' Association,  
2 later known as the Michigan Education Association, was organized by  
3 approximately 200 teachers at EMU; and

4           Whereas, Since 1915, EMU has offered classes on how to provide  
5 education designed for the needs of students with disabilities.  
6 EMU's Department of Special Education is one of the oldest special  
7 education programs in the country; and

8           Whereas, From the Michigan State Normal School to the Michigan  
9 State Normal College, to Eastern Michigan College and finally  
10 Eastern Michigan University, they have continued to broaden their  
11 educational offerings; and

12           Whereas, Now, EMU is a research university comprising of seven  
13 colleges and schools including the following:

- 14           • College of Arts and Sciences;
- 15           • College of Business;
- 16           • College of Education;
- 17           • College of Health and Human Services;
- 18           • GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology;
- 19           • Honors College;
- 20           • Graduate School; and

21           Whereas, Since local citizens first raised funds for its  
22 founding, EMU has been a vital part of the Ypsilanti community and  
23 continues to be a center of equity and educational excellence; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25           Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
26 body commemorate the 175th anniversary of Eastern Michigan  
27 University; and be it further

28           Resolved, That we recognize Eastern Michigan University's  
29 contributions to our state and hope that it will continue in its

1 traditions of excellence for many years to come.