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Congratulating the city of Detroit and its residents on the occasion of the
tercentennial of its founding.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the city of Detroit and its residents on the
occasion of the tercentennial of its founding.

Whereas Detroit is the 10th most populous city in the United
States and the most populous city in Michigan;

Whereas Detroit is the oldest major city in the Midwest, and
2001 is the 300th anniversary of Detroit's founding;

Whereas Detroit began as a French community on the De-
troit River when Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac founded a
strategic garrison and fur trading post on the site in
1701;

Whereas Detroit was named Fort Pontchartrain de' Etroit
(meaning "strait") at the time of its founding and be-
came known as Detroit because of its position along the
Detroit River;

Whereas the Detroit region served as a strategic staging area during the French and Indian War, became a British possession in 1760, and was transferred to the British by the peace treaty of 1763;

Whereas the Ottawa Native American Chieftain Pontiac attempted a historic but unsuccessful campaign to wrest control of the garrison at Detroit from British hands in 1763;

Whereas in the nineteenth century, Detroit was a vocal center of antislavery advocacy and, for more than 40,000 individuals seeking freedom in Canada, an important stop on the Underground Railroad;

Whereas Detroit entrepreneurs, including Henry Ford, perfected the process of mass production and made automobiles affordable for people from all walks of life;

Whereas Detroit is the automotive capital of the Nation and an international leader in automobile manufacturing and trade;

Whereas the contributions of Detroit residents to civilian and military production have astounded the Nation, contributed to United States victory in World War II, and resulted in Detroit being called the Arsenal of Democracy;

Whereas residents of Detroit played a central role in the development of the organized labor movement and contributed to protections for workers' rights;

Whereas Detroit is home to the United Auto Workers Union and many other building and service trades and industrial unions;

Whereas Detroit has a rich sports tradition and has produced many sports legends, including: Ty Cobb, Al Kaline, Willie Horton, Hank Greenberg, Mickey Cochrane, and

Sparky Anderson of the Detroit Tigers; Dick “Night Train” Lane, Joe Schmidt, Billy Sims, Dutch Clark, and Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions; Dave Bing, Bob Lanier, Isaiah Thomas, and Joe Dumars of the Detroit Pistons; Gordie Howe, Terry Sawchuk, Ted Lindsay, and Steve Yzerman of the Detroit Red Wings; boxing greats Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Thomas Hearns; and Olympic speed skaters Jeanne Omelenchuk and Sheila Young-Ochowicz;

Whereas the cultural attractions in Detroit include the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History (the largest museum devoted exclusively to African-American art and culture), the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Symphony, the Michigan Opera Theater, the Detroit Science Center, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum;

Whereas several centers of educational excellence are located in Detroit, including Wayne State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, Marygrove College, Sacred Heart Seminary College, the Center for Creative Studies—College of Art and Design, and the Lewis College of Business (the only institution in Michigan designated as a “Historically Black College”);

Whereas residents of Detroit played an integral role in developing the distinctly American sounds of jazz, rhythm and blues, rock ’n roll, and techno; and

Whereas Detroit has been the home of Berry Gordy, Jr., who created the musical genre that has been called the Motown Sound, and many great musical artists, including Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, and the Winans family: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION. 1. CONGRATULATING DETROIT AND ITS RESI-**
3 **DENTS.**

4 The Congress, on the occasion of the tricentennial of
5 the founding of the city of Detroit, salutes Detroit and
6 its residents, and congratulates them for their important
7 contributions to the economic, social, and cultural develop-
8 ment of the United States.

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.**

10 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
11 transmit copies of this resolution to the Mayor of Detroit
12 and the City Council of Detroit.

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