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Michigan State Senate Honors ANA

Thursday, September 22, 2016—The Michigan State Senate has passed a resolution recognizing the 125th anniversary of the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

The concept of an American Numismatic Association was born in the state of Michigan. ANA founder George F. Heath, M.D., of Monroe, Michigan, was one of the first to suggest the establishment of a national association of coin collectors. Heath began publishing a monthly paper—*The Numismatist*—in 1888, which was devoted entirely to the numismatic hobby. The Association was formally founded in October 1891.

“I’m a proud life member of the ANA, with a real passion for collecting,” said State Sen. Steve Bieda. “Having had the experience of representing the area near Monroe, Michigan, and realizing the connection and history the state and the ANA share, I thought it would be an appropriate measure for the State Senate to honor the Association’s 125th anniversary with a special resolution.”

The resolution—introduced by Bieda—recognizes the ANA as the world’s largest non-profit numismatic organization. The Association provides its 25,000 members access to the best educational programs in the hobby—seminars, lectures, publications, correspondence courses, and online learning opportunities—plus the opportunity to engage with like-minded collectors at two annual conventions.

Bieda presented a copy of the resolution to Past President Tom Hallenbeck at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. on Sept. 9, 2016.

View State Resolution 195 [here](#).

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.

