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New law protects families of our fallen heroes

New efforts that strengthen Michigan's law to prevent disorderly conduct at funerals and memorial services have my strong support.

Public Acts 5 and 6 of 2012 make it a felony crime to engage in conduct within 500 feet of a funeral or memorial service that would disrupt the service or make someone attending the ceremony feel intimidated or threatened.

You may be aware of a Kansas activist group that regularly conducts protests at military funerals. The new laws make sure military families can honor their fallen heroes with solemnity and dignity.

Senate bill would help missing seniors

With Alzheimer's and dementia becoming more prevalent, cases of missing adults who are incapable of returning home are becoming more common.

I supported SB 466 to set up a special alert system – similar to the AMBER Alert for children – so that families of elderly missing persons could involve both the police and the news media in the search.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, six out of 10 people will wander from their homes and become lost at some point as the disease advances.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America...

Many Michigan children start their school day, hand over heart, reciting the Pledge – but it's not an opportunity guaranteed by state law.

I supported Senate legislation to guarantee that all kids in Michigan schools have the chance to express their pride in our country by requiring the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited every school day. Under the bill, if a student or their parent has an objection, the student can remain silent.

My colleagues and I start every Senate session reciting the Pledge together. My hope is all students can share the same sense of patriotism as they start their day.

I am honored to serve you in the Michigan Senate. If I can ever be of assistance, please call me toll-free at (866) 305-2131 or visit www.StateSenatorMikeGreen.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".



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Market FRESH is in season!

The Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH program provides eligible older adults with coupons used as cash to buy fresh Michigan-grown fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices and honey from authorized farmers' markets and roadside stands.

To qualify, people must be aged 60 and older with a total household income of \$20,147 or less for an individual, or \$27,214 for a couple.

This program helps low-income seniors stretch their grocery dollars a little bit further and helps Michigan farmers earn extra money. For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/marketfresh.



Michigan Travel Ideas 2012

The state's popular travel guide showcases Michigan's natural beauty and all there is to see and do in our great state. Please feel free to contact my office toll-free at (866) 305-2131 for a copy.

Senate approves beach maintenance bill

Here in the Bay and Thumb areas, our livelihood and quality of life depend on the Great Lakes and its shoreline.

I recently supported legislation that will improve the cleanliness of our beaches by allowing private shoreline owners to care for them without local or state government interference. Under SB 1052, beach-grooming activities will be expanded to allow property owners to remove vegetation, mow or level sand between the ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge, although some activities may still be subject to federal regulation.

Bill would prohibit Internet lottery sales

I introduced SB 1003 this spring to prohibit the sale of lottery tickets via the Internet.

Selling lottery tickets over the Internet benefits the government's wallet and little else. It threatens local businesses and may potentially bring financial harm to Michigan residents. Online lottery sales run counter to our goals of attracting new business, creating jobs and turning our state around.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 1-800-827-1000

Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors, 1-800-347-5297