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## **SENATOR SCOTT TO FULFILL PLEDGE ON LEGISLATIVE BUILD PROJECT** *Highland Park home to receive new paint, needed repairs*

LANSING, Michigan – State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) will join several Detroit legislators on Monday, July 7, 2008, to begin work on Project M.A.R.C. (Making a Remarkable Comeback) as part of her commitment to the 2008 Legislative Build project. Work is set to begin at 10 a.m. at the home located at 250 Moss Street, in Highland Park.

The 2008 Legislative Build is a coordinated effort between Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), Community Development Advocates of Detroit, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, Michigan Community Action Agency Association, and others to educate the state legislature and the general public of the need for affordable housing and economic development within our communities. In February of this year, most of the 148 legislators in the House of Representatives and Michigan Senate made a commitment to schedule four hours to work on a Build project in their respective districts. They also agreed to return to the project site on Tuesday, August 19, to participate in a statewide Legislative Build Celebration Day, culminating the summer Legislative Build project and celebrating the success of their efforts.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to expose legislators to the many community-based organizations that are working in their own districts to provide housing, neighborhood improvements and downtown economic development,” Senator Scott said.

Thousands of profit and non-profit organizations have joined together in supporting the 2008 Legislative Build project. The project is intended to expose legislators to the work of community-based organizations as well as showcase local efforts in community development. The projects will include downtown renovations, housing for a variety of income groups, neighborhood clean-ups, and a variety of events. Legislators are being asked to devote a minimum of four hours to a project in their respective districts at a house under construction or a local economic development project.

Other Detroit legislators scheduled to work on the Highland Park home include Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Senator Buzz Thomas, Senator Hansen Clarke, Representative Bert Johnson and Representative Steve Tobocman.

Anyone interested in volunteering at a Legislative Build project can contact Michelle Smith at Habitat for Humanity of Michigan at 517-485-1006, ext. 15.

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