

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

Senator Lucido offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the U.S. Air Force to station the F-35
2 Lightning II at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

3 Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) has a long and
4 proud history of flying fighter aircraft dating back almost 100 years.
5 Selfridge ANGB is home to the 127th Wing, a highly respected
6 warfighting unit currently flying A-10s and KC-135s. The 127th Wing
7 has been essential in providing air support in combat in the Middle
8 East in recent years; and

9 Whereas, Located north of Detroit on the shore of Lake Saint
10 Clair, Selfridge ANGB is a joint military community with existing
11 infrastructure; efficient flight times to major metropolitan areas;
12 and easy access to a regional airport hub, major interstates, and
13 northern Michigan training facilities in Alpena and Grayling; and

1 Whereas, The F-35 will replace the A-10, currently flying out
2 of Selfridge ANGB, increasing the necessity of placing the F-35 at
3 Selfridge ANGB to take advantage of the infrastructure and personnel
4 standing ready for the F-35 Lightning II. The F-35 is designed to
5 defeat the most advanced threat systems deployed today. A fifth
6 generation fighter, the F-35 has advanced stealth, exceptional
7 agility and maneuverability, and low-support costs; and

8 Whereas, The base is a source of community pride and jobs, with
9 the local economic benefit worth more than \$700 million to residents
10 and businesses in several surrounding cities and townships. In
11 addition, the base is a key component of disaster response for the
12 entire state and a vital base for our nation's homeland security;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the U.S. Air Force to
15 station the F-35 Lightning II at Selfridge Air National Guard Base;
16 and be it further

17 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
18 members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the Secretary
19 of the Air Force.