

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.326

Reps. Tate, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Haadsma, Hertel, Morse, Sneller, Steenland and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to strongly urge the United States Air Force to
2 replace the fleet of A-10 Thunderbolt Attack Fighters at Selfridge
3 Air National Guard Base with an advanced generation fighter
4 mission.

5 Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) is
6 intrinsically designed to meet the priorities of the 2022 National
7 Defense Strategy. Selfridge offers an immediate fighter aircraft
8 basing solution with existing infrastructure, manpower, and
9 unconstrained access to advanced multi-domain training ranges. A
10 fighter mission at Selfridge complements Michigan's National All
11 Domain Warfighting Center which prepares warfighters for future
12 conflicts against peer adversaries, and is strategically located

1 between 42 and 48 degrees latitude. Michigan is the backstop for
2 Defense of the Homeland and is capable of projecting power in all
3 domains through a combat-credible force, in cooperation with allies
4 and partners; and

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

11 Whereas, Selfridge ANGB is a joint military community with
12 existing infrastructure; efficient flight times to the largest
13 overland airspace complex east of the Mississippi River;
14 significant overwater and littoral training opportunities, and easy
15 access to northern Michigan training facilities in Alpena and
16 Grayling; and

17 Whereas, Selfridge ANGB is located north of Detroit on the
18 shore of Lake Saint Clair and is in close proximity to the Detroit
19 metropolitan area and a major airline hub. The base offers a focal
20 point for gaining and retaining the highest quality pilots and
21 maintenance personnel; and

22 Whereas, Divestment of the A-10 fleet in fiscal year 2027 will
23 result in a loss of 21 aircraft and 611 personnel, including 246
24 full-time employees. This will result in a negative economic impact
25 of about \$44,520,000 annually to the State of Michigan; and

26 Whereas, Selfridge ANGB is a source of community pride and
27 jobs, with a local economic benefit worth hundreds of millions of
28 dollars to residents and businesses in several surrounding cities
29 and townships. In addition, the base is a key component of disaster

1 response for the entire state and a vital base for our nation's
2 homeland defense; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we strongly
4 urge the United States Air Force to replace the fleet of A-10
5 Thunderbolt Attack Fighters at Selfridge Air National Guard Base
6 with an advanced generation fighter mission; and be it further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
8 Michigan congressional delegation and the Secretary of the Air
9 Force.