

# 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.