

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

Senators Hollier and Wojno 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
13 between 42 and 48 degrees latitude. Michigan is the backstop for

1 Defense of the Homeland and is capable of projecting power in all
2 domains through a combat-credible force, in cooperation with allies
3 and partners; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 homeland defense; now, therefore, be it

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

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