

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Reps. Mentzer, Shannon, Aragona, McKinney, St. Germaine, DeBoyer, Kuhn, Wozniak, Farhat, Snyder, Witwer, Martus, Fitzgerald, Edwards, Young, Byrnes, Miller, Puri, Skaggs, Price, Wilson, Andrews, Steckloff, O'Neal, Neeley, Brenda Carter, Pohutsky, Aiyash, Arbit, MacDonell, Hoskins, Grant, Rheingans, Brabec, McFall, Hill, Morgan, Tyrone Carter, BeGole, Kunse, Schmaltz, Weiss, Haadsma, Scott, Tsernoglou, Rogers, Coleman, Glanville, Koleszar, Whitsett and Stone offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to express our commitment, in partnership with
2 the United States Air Force, to accelerating change in order to
3 compete with, deter, and, if necessary, defeat a peer adversary,
4 and to urge the United States Air Force to replace the A-10s with
5 an advanced generation fighter mission at Selfridge Air National
6 Guard Base.

1 Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) is
2 intrinsically designed to meet the priorities of the 2022 National
3 Defense Strategy. Selfridge ANGB offers an immediate fighter
4 aircraft basing solution with existing infrastructure, manpower,
5 and unconstrained access to advanced multi-domain training ranges.
6 A fighter mission at Selfridge ANGB complements Michigan's All-
7 Domain Warfighting Center, which prepares warfighters for future
8 conflicts against peer adversaries and is strategically located
9 between 42 and 48 degrees latitude. Michigan is the backstop for
10 defense of the homeland and is capable of projecting power in all
11 domains through a combat-credible force, in cooperation with allies
12 and partners; and

13 Whereas, Selfridge ANGB has a long and proud history of flying
14 fighter aircraft dating back over 100 years. Selfridge ANGB is home
15 to the 127th Wing, a highly respected warfighting unit currently
16 flying A-10s and KC-135s. The 127th Wing has been essential in
17 providing combat air support in the Middle East in recent years;
18 and

19 Whereas, Selfridge ANGB derives significant value from its
20 location in proximity to both military and civilian assets.
21 Selfridge ANGB is a joint military community with existing
22 infrastructure, efficient flight times to the largest overland
23 airspace complex east of the Mississippi, significant overwater and
24 littoral training opportunities, and easy access to northern
25 Michigan training facilities in Alpena and Grayling. The base is
26 located north of Detroit on the shore of Lake Saint Clair, in close
27 proximity to the Detroit metropolitan area and a major airline hub,
28 offering a focal point for gaining and retaining the highest-
29 quality pilots and maintenance personnel; and

1 Whereas, Divestment of the A-10s in fiscal year 2027, as the
2 Air Force plans, would be a great loss to our state. There are
3 currently 21 A-10s at Selfridge ANGB. The operation of these
4 aircraft is supported by 611 personnel, including 246 full-time
5 employees, with an economic impact of \$44,520,000 annually to the
6 state of Michigan; and

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

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our
15 commitment, in partnership with the United States Air Force, to
16 accelerating change in order to compete with, deter, and, if
17 necessary, defeat a peer adversary; and be it further

18 Resolved, That we strongly urge the United States Air Force to
19 replace the A-10s with an advanced generation fighter mission at
20 Selfridge Air National Guard Base; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the Secretary
23 of the Air Force.