

Rep. Schmidt offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

A concurrent resolution to support and endorse the proposal submitted by the Michigan Advanced Aerial Systems Consortium requesting that Michigan be named one of six federally identified UAS test sites.

Whereas, The Michigan Advanced Aerial Systems Consortium has submitted an application for Michigan to be considered for one of the six unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) test sites. The consortium is led by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and is made up of government, academic, corporate, industry, and military partners, including Alpena County, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan National Guard, the University of Michigan, Michigan Technological University, Northwestern Michigan College, Kettering University, Western Michigan University, and Alpena Community College; and

Whereas, The application is in response to a 2012 congressional mandate that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) identify six UAS test ranges to conduct critical research that will support the safe integration of UAS into the national airspace and establish certification and navigation requirements. The use of UAS for military, governmental, and commercial use is expected to surge greatly over the course of the next decade. UAS applications include dangerous military missions, law enforcement, emergency services, and border surveillance; and

Whereas, Michigan is an ideal location for a UAS test site. The Michigan Advanced Aerial Systems Consortium brings together researchers, scientists, operators, regulators, and industry leaders with the expertise and commitment to create a dynamic center of expertise and operation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we support and endorse the proposal submitted by the Michigan Advanced Aerial Systems Consortium requesting that Michigan be named one of six federally identified UAS test sites; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan congressional delegation and the Federal Aviation Administration.