

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Senators Hertel, Chang, Damoose, Geiss, Johnson, Lauwers, Moss, Santana, Webber and Wojno 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.

7 Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) is
8 intrinsically designed to meet the priorities of the 2022 National
9 Defense Strategy. Selfridge ANGB offers an immediate fighter
10 aircraft basing solution with existing infrastructure, manpower,
11 and unconstrained access to advanced multi-domain training ranges.
12 A fighter mission at Selfridge ANGB complements Michigan's All-

1 Domain Warfighting Center, which prepares warfighters for future
2 conflicts against peer adversaries and is strategically located
3 between 42 and 48 degrees latitude. Michigan is the backstop for
4 defense of the homeland and is capable of projecting power in all
5 domains through a combat-credible force, in cooperation with allies
6 and partners; and

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

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

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

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

8 Resolved by the Senate, That we express our commitment, in
9 partnership with the United States Air Force, to accelerating
10 change in order to compete with, deter, and, if necessary, defeat a
11 peer adversary; and be it further

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

15 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
16 members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the Secretary
17 of the Air Force.