SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

A resolution to declare December 15-19, 2025, as Air National Guard Historical Association Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Air Guard Historical Association Week provides an opportunity to recognize the organizations that exist throughout the state in order to preserve the history of the Guard; and

Whereas, Michigan's Air Guard Historical Association was established in 1975 with the mission of preserving, interpreting, and celebrating Michigan's military aviation heritage and the service of Michigan Air National Guard members. This year, they celebrate their 50th anniversary; and

Whereas, The Association's founding vision directly led to the creation of the Selfridge Military Air Museum, an institution dedicated to safeguarding Michigan's proud aviation legacy,

honoring the men and women who have served in uniform, and inspiring future generations to learn from that legacy; and

Whereas, For five decades, the Museum has showcased historic aircraft, engines, cockpits, and artifacts spanning more than a century of flight at Selfridge Field, the second-oldest continually operating military airfield in the United States, which has played a critical role in American air power since 1917; and

Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base remains home to the 127th Wing and hosts numerous tenant units, supporting thousands of Michigan Air Guardsmen, citizen-airmen who carry out state and federal missions including homeland defense, emergency response, and disaster relief; and

Whereas, The Michigan Air Guard Historical Association has long partnered with schools, veterans' organizations, civic groups, and community institutions to provide educational programming that connects Michigan students and families with the history of aviation, military service, and technological innovation; and

Whereas, The Association has recently expanded its educational mission through the creation of a 50-by-80-foot Aviation Education Center, integrating STEAM-based learning and hands-on instruction to link the aircraft and airmen of the past with the innovators, engineers, and public servants of the future; and

Whereas, The Selfridge Military Air Museum has earned widespread public recognition for excellence, including being voted Macomb's Best Museum by readers of The Macomb Daily, reflecting its strong reputation, community impact, and volunteer-driven success; and

Whereas, Through the dedication of these members and volunteers—many of whom are veterans and Michigan Air Guardsmen—the

Michigan Air Guard Historical Association, and Air National Guard Historical Associations throughout the state, have ensured that the stories, machines, and memories that built the Air National Guard and define Michigan's deep and enduring connection to aviation are preserved for generations yet to come; and

Whereas, Air National Guard Historical Association Week serves as an opportunity to encourage Michiganders to learn about and reflect upon the history, heritage, and service of the Michigan Air National Guard and to recognize the role that Air National Guard Historical Associations – particularly the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association – play in preserving and sharing that legacy through education and historical stewardship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 15-19, 2025, as Air National Guard Historical Association Week in the state of Michigan; and, be it further

Resolved, That we proudly recognize the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association for their unwavering commitment to education, historical preservation, community engagement, and honoring all who have served in defense of our nation, and acknowledge the service of Michigan Air Guardsmen as dedicated citizen-airmen who protect and serve both state and nation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General of Michigan, the Commanders of the 127th and 110th Wings, and the leadership of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association as a token of our appreciation for their service and dedication.