

Rep. Lucido offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 30.

A resolution to urge the U.S. Air Force to station the F-35 Lightning II at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Whereas, Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) has a long and proud history of flying fighter aircraft dating back almost 100 years. Selfridge ANGB is home to the 127th Wing, a highly respected warfighting unit currently flying A-10s and KC-135s. The 127th Wing has been essential in providing air support in combat in the Middle East in recent years; and

Whereas, Located north of Detroit on the shore of Lake Saint Clair, Selfridge ANGB is a joint military community with existing infrastructure; efficient flight times to major metropolitan areas; and easy access to a regional airport hub, major interstates, and northern Michigan training facilities in Alpena and Grayling; and

Whereas, The F-35 will replace the A-10, currently flying out of Selfridge ANGB, increasing the necessity of placing the F-35 at Selfridge ANGB to take advantage of the infrastructure and personnel standing ready for the F-35 Lightning II. The F-35 is designed to defeat the most advanced threat systems deployed today. A fifth generation fighter, the F-35 has advanced stealth, exceptional agility and maneuverability, and low support costs; and

Whereas, The base is a source of community pride and jobs, with the local economic benefit worth more than \$700 million to residents and businesses in several surrounding cities and townships. In addition, the base is a key component of disaster response for the entire state and a vital base for our nation's homeland security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the U.S. Air Force to station the F-35 Lightning II at Selfridge Air National Guard Base; and be it further

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