

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

Reps. Mentzer, Hoadley, Price, Fitzgerald, Breen, Longjohn, Xiong, Martus, Bierlein, B. Carter, Witwer, Weiss, Glanville, Young, Andrews, Rogers, Byrnes, T. Carter, Tate, Woolford, Robinson, Greene, Aragona, DeBoyer, Harris, Markkanen, Bruck, Meerman, Wozniak, Scott, MacDonell, Puri, Miller, Paiz, McFall, Myers-Phillips, Alexander, Kunse, Mueller, Snyder, Rigas, St. Germaine, Roth, Frisbie, Borton, Kuhn, VanderWall, Neyer, BeGole and Cavitt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Congress to adopt the
2 language of Section 143 of House Bill 3838 of the 119th Congress,
3 the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery
4 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, to
5 strengthen protections against the early retirement of the A-10
6 Thunderbolt II aircraft fleet.

7 Whereas, The Selfridge Air National Guard Base located near

1 Mount Clemens in Macomb County has been in operation since 1917 and
2 maintains approximately 5,000 personnel. It is also home to the
3 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard, which currently
4 operates, among other things, the Fairchild Republic A-10
5 Thunderbolt II. The A-10 Thunderbolts at Selfridge were set to
6 begin a multi year divestment in 2026; and

7 Whereas, As part of its 2026 budget plan, the United States
8 Air Force announced that it was looking to retire all of its A-10
9 aircraft in fiscal year 2026, a significant acceleration of the
10 previously outlined divestment schedule. However, the fighter
11 mission set to replace the A-10 Thunderbolts at Selfridge Air
12 National Guard Base, the F-15EX fighters, are not set to arrive
13 until 2028; and

14 Whereas, The early divestment of the A-10 Thunderbolt fleet
15 could result in a significant and sizeable gap between the two
16 fighter missions at Selfridge, putting workforce readiness in
17 jeopardy as skilled and devoted pilot training, maintenance, and
18 other staff could be reassigned elsewhere; and

19 Whereas, House Bill 3838 of the 119th Congress, which passed
20 the United States House of Representatives in September 2025 and is
21 entitled the "Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and
22 Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2026," addresses some of the concerns surrounding the early
24 divestment of A-10 aircraft. Specifically, Section 143 proposes
25 limitations on the ability of the Secretary of the Air Force to
26 retire A-10 aircraft or decrease the total aircraft inventory of A-
27 10s below 162 aircraft, the number currently in the Air Force
28 fleet, except under limited circumstances. It also requires the
29 Secretary of the Air Force to brief the Committees on Armed

1 Services for both the Senate and House of Representatives regarding
2 the status of A-10 aircraft inventory and the proposed plan for the
3 divestment of such aircraft prior to fiscal year 2029. This
4 briefing must include an explanation of how the Secretary plans to
5 minimize adverse personnel impacts and scheduling gaps during the
6 transition to a different aircraft mission; and

7 Whereas, Section 143 will help ensure a smooth transition
8 between the two fighter missions at Selfridge Air National Guard
9 Base without a significant or sizeable gap. Retaining the A-10
10 aircraft until a replacement mission is scheduled to arrive will
11 ensure uninterrupted missions and maintain fighter capacity amid
12 global instability; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
14 United States Congress to adopt the language of Section 143 of
15 House Bill 3838 of the 119th Congress, the Streamlining Procurement
16 for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense
17 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, to strengthen protections
18 against the early retirement of the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft
19 fleet; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
22 Leader of the United States Senate, and the members of the Michigan
23 congressional delegation.