

## ~RESOLUTION~

A resolution of the Sterling Heights City Council in support of Selfridge Air National Guard Base being selected as a site for the F-35 Lightning II Aircraft Mission.

WHEREAS, the F-35 Lightning II aircraft is considered to be the world's most advanced multi-role aircraft combining advanced stealth capabilities with fighter aircraft speed and agility, fully-fused sensor information, network-enabled operations, and advanced logistics and sustainment;

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force is currently deliberating the final site selection for the F-35 Lightning II Mission;

WHEREAS, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, 127<sup>th</sup> Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard (Selfridge ANGB), along with its Michigan training facilities in Alpena and Grayling, is among five finalists for the F-35 Lightning II Mission;

WHEREAS, Selfridge ANGB is the optimal site for the F-35 Lightning II Mission, based upon the following considerations:

- Selfridge ANGB possesses unmatched facilities, access to airspace and experienced support systems required for the F-35 Lightning II Mission.
- Macomb County, the City of Sterling Heights, and Selfridge ANGB have a concentration of highly skilled workers that cannot be matched by any other finalist for the F-35 Lightning II Mission.
- Southeast Michigan currently leads all competing regions with nearly \$2 billion in defense contracts annually, filling 33% more contracts than its closest rival, proving that it has the necessary defense infrastructure in place to support the F-35 Lightning II Mission.
- Macomb County's Defense Corridor is home to the U.S. Army's Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), and major defense contractors that create a vibrant and innovative economic climate that is available to the F-35 Lightning II Mission.
- The enduring success of the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard demonstrates that this is an ideal region for the F-35 Lightning II Mission and ensures its long-term success.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sterling Heights supports Selfridge Air National Guard Base being selected as the site for the F-35 Lightning II Aircraft Mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sterling Heights to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.



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Melanie D. Ryska, City Clerk