

**Resolution 12-11**  
**Opposing the Proposed Elimination of the 107<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base**

WHEREAS, President Obama is proposing nearly \$500 billion in cutbacks to Department of Defense expenditures over the next 10 years; and these cutbacks are already posing an extremely serious threat to Selfridge Air National Guard (ANG) Base. The most immediate threat to Selfridge is the proposed elimination of the 107<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, an entire unit of A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft; and

WHEREAS, these 24 A-10s have provided vital close air support to our ground troops in Iraq and Afghanistan through numerous deployments and as recently as a month ago; and

WHEREAS, if this Squadron of A-10s is eliminated from Selfridge, the following will most likely be the result in over 550 jobs being eliminated at the Base, more than 550 highly trained, experienced and dedicated individuals would be lost to the local workforce, and the families of these 550 military and civilian-based employees would be displaced; and

WHEREAS, the local businesses in Macomb County, St. Clair County and beyond would lose an estimated \$25 million annually if these 550+ jobs are eliminated—in an already depressed economy; and

WHEREAS, Selfridge ANG Base itself may very well be the victim of the next round of Department of Defense base closings, scheduled for 2013. This would inevitably result in even more massive job eliminations and would be devastating to the Southeast Michigan economy and security; and

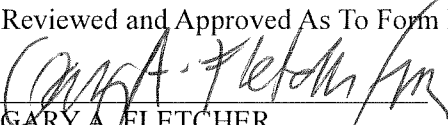
WHEREAS, since 1977, *four* Michigan active duty military installations have closed: Kincheloe, Wurtsmith and K.I. Sawyer Air Force Bases as well as the U. S. Army Garrison, as recently as 2005.

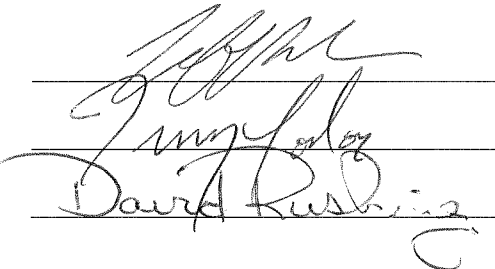
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners opposes these proposed cutbacks to the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our federal legislators urging them to do the same.

DATED: April 19, 2012

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