

RESOLUTION 12-19

SUPPORTING H.R. 4310 – NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Candice Miller worked diligently for inclusions of provisions, which suspends all of the proposed changes to the Air National Guard aircraft, including the retirement of the A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft, into H.R.4310, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 during the markup in the House Armed Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, this provision in the House version of the NDAA which will directly allow Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB), which is home to the 107th Fighter Squadron, to retain the squadron's 24 A-10s for the following year; and

WHEREAS, in addition, these provisions to the NDAA will protect the Air Guard across the nation from any aircraft or personnel reductions for one year while a fact based cost benefit analysis is completed; and

WHEREAS, the Air Guard contributes 35% of the air capability of the Air Force for only 6% of the budget. The Air Guard is the most cost-effective part of the Air Force and should be the last place to find budget savings; and

WHEREAS, not only would the passage of these provisions keep all Air National Guard units in place through the next year and require a cost-benefit analysis of their proposed cuts, there is a direct impact on more than 800 jobs in Michigan alone.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners hereby fully supports H.R. 4310 the National Defense Authorization Act provisions and urges the Senate to put in similar protections for the Air Guard in its version of the National Defense Authorization Act.

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