

Senator Brandenburg offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Whereas, Michigan has a proud history of supporting our nation's military, both through the patriotic service of its citizens and the application of its technological capabilities. Michigan will continue its critical role as part of the supplier base for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; and

Whereas, The F-35 program creates advanced-technology jobs that help further develop a highly-skilled workforce essential to our national security and economic prosperity here in Michigan; and

Whereas, The members of our armed services need the latest technology supporting them as they protect our nation and ensure peace around the world. The many crises occurring at the present time make it clear that new threats to peace and our national interests are continuing to emerge; and

Whereas, The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the most advanced fighter aircraft ever built, is needed to replace the aging fleet of military aircraft that has been in use for 30 years. This aircraft will not only provide needed support for our nation's military, but will also strengthen our international alliances and ensure the success of our peacekeeping missions; and

Whereas, Discussions are currently taking place in Congress about continuing the full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. In these discussions, it is essential to remember that the United States has been investing in the production of the F-35 for more than a decade. Without full funding and planned production, our nation and its military will lose the notable benefits of this investment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to recognize the importance of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to Michigan, the United States, and our allies around the world by providing full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.