

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 116

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Expresses support for United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets at 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** expressing support for the United States Air
2 Force to base F-35 fighter jets at the 177th Fighter Wing in
3 Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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5 **WHEREAS**, In 2016, the Legislature of this State passed Assembly
6 Resolution No. 149 and Senate Resolution No. 55, urging the
7 United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets at the 177th Fighter
8 Wing in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

9 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air
10 National Guard is among the units being considered for a second
11 time by the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets; and

12 **WHEREAS**, This State continues its belief in the strength and
13 suitability of the 177th Fighter Wing as a base for F-35 fighter jets;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, The 177th Fighter Wing meets the United States Air Force
16 basing criteria which includes: mission requirements such as
17 weather, airspace and training range availability; capacity such as
18 sufficient hanger and ramp space, and facility considerations;
19 environmental requirements; and cost factors; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The 177th Fighter Wing is located at the Atlantic City
21 International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, an ideal strategic
22 location between New York City and Washington, D.C. to play a
23 critical role in defending our country; and

24 **WHEREAS**, The 177th Fighter Wing is vitally important in both the Air
25 Combat Command's Aerospace Expeditionary Force structure and
26 NORAD's Air Force Aerospace Control Alert mission; and

27 **WHEREAS**, The 177th Fighter Wing has had 14 years of Homeland
28 Defense experience, has had three combat deployments, and has
29 air-to-ground mission experience and expertise; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The facilities have already been designed to meet the needs
31 of F-35 fighter jets and any modifications would be limited,
32 minimizing any costs to transition to basing F-35 fighter jets; and

33 **WHEREAS**, The 177th Fighter Wing is a premier Air National Guard
34 facility, is a critical asset in the planning and execution of national
35 security decisions, and this State supports its selection as one of the
36 locations to base the United States Air Force F-35 fighter jets; now,
37 therefore,

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39 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
40 *State of New Jersey:*

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42 1. The State of New Jersey hereby expresses continued support
43 for the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets at the 177th
44 Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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46 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
47 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
48 Secretary of the Senate to the President of the United States, the

1 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Assistant
2 Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and
3 Energy, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, each
4 Senator and Representative from New Jersey in the Congress of the
5 United States, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Director
6 of the Air National Guard of the National Guard Bureau, the
7 Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and
8 Veterans Affairs and the Wing Commander of the 177th Fighter
9 Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

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11 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This joint resolution expresses the continued support of this State
17 for the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets at the 177th
18 Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

19 In 2016, both houses of the Legislature of this State passed
20 resolutions urging the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter
21 jets at the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The
22 177th Fighter Wing is among the units being considered for a
23 second time by the United States Air Force to base F-35 fighter jets
24 and this State continues its belief in the strength and suitability of
25 the 177th Fighter Wing as a base for F-35 fighter jets.

26 The 177th Fighter Wing has an ideal strategic location between
27 New York City and Washington, D.C., is vitally important in both
28 the Air Combat Command's Aerospace Expeditionary Force
29 structure and NORAD's Air Force Aerospace Control Alert
30 mission, has had 14 years of Homeland Defense experience, has had
31 three combat deployments, and has air-to-ground mission
32 experience and expertise. The facilities have already been designed
33 to meet the needs of the F-35 fighter jets and any modifications
34 would be limited, minimizing any costs to transition to basing F-35
35 fighter jets.

36 The 177th Fighter Wing is a premier Air National Guard facility,
37 is a critical asset in the planning and execution of national security
38 decisions, and this State supports its selection as one of the
39 locations to base the United States Air Force F-35 fighter jets.