

Senator Stamas offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30.

A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to locate its Midwest regional training facility in Alpena and Grayling, Michigan.

Whereas, As our country continues to put in place stronger defenses against terrorism through homeland security measures, a key component will be the establishment of regional training facilities for the United States Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, In the Midwest, an excellent site for a regional training facility would be in northern Michigan where the Michigan National Guard has an established combat-readiness training center located in Alpena, near the Alpena County Airport, and a training camp nearby at Camp Grayling. These facilities offer two military airfields, housing and medical facilities for trainees, and 150,000 acres of training space. Additional advantages these locations offer range from low costs, unsurpassed strategic significance, and facilities that provide access for a swift and smooth transition to the responsibilities of homeland security work; and

Whereas, Located in an area that is strategically sound, the Alpena and Grayling sites would be well positioned to handle quickly any type of task to protect America's people, resources, and infrastructure. Clearly, these locations offer opportunities for enhanced responsiveness to the challenges before us in safeguarding our nation in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to locate its Midwestern regional training facility in Alpena and Grayling; and be it further

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