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VanderMeer Co-Authors Resolution in Support of F-35A Freedom Fighting Aircraft at Truax Field

Madison- Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) co-authored a Joint Resolution that was passed by the State Assembly during a floor session Thursday. [**Assembly Joint Resolution 88**](#) recognizes the contributions of the 115th Fighter Wing and shows support for basing F-35A freedom fighting aircraft at Truax Field Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin.

The resolution was authored by Representative Tony Kurtz (R-Wonewoc) in the Assembly. Representative Ken Skowronski (R-Franklin) and Representative VanderMeer, Chair and Co-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, respectively, showed their support as second and third authors of the resolution.

Representative VanderMeer released the following statement:

“I was extremely pleased to see bipartisan support for this resolution as there is bipartisan support for the effort throughout the state. As we know at home with Fort McCoy and Volk Field, these facilities and these missions are not only critical for national security, they’re vitally important from an economic impact perspective. If these installations don’t have ongoing missions, they might go away. This is something that’s very near and dear to my heart, and I plan to announce plans in the near future to facilitate a more concerted statewide effort to recognize, support, and advocate for the outstanding military installations, military personnel, and defense industry we’re fortunate to have in our great state.”

The F-35 mission is estimated to have a total economic impact to the region of more than \$3 billion. It includes providing \$120 million in improvements to the Dane County Regional Airport and hundreds of construction jobs.

The State Senate passed the resolution Tuesday. The resolution vote will be forwarded to the U.S. Air Force. The public comment period for the basing of the F-35s ends on November 1. A final decision on the site selection will be made in early 2020.

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.