

RESOLUTION

RESOLVE, MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT FULL FUNDING FOR THE F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

TOWN OF NORTH BERWICK COUNTY OF YORK, MAINE

Whereas, the F-35 program creates advanced-technology jobs that build a highly-skilled workforce essential to our national security and economic prosperity here in North Berwick and surrounding communities; 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, and

Whereas, threats to peace and our national interests are continuing to emerge; and

Whereas, the F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever built and is needed to replace the aging fleet of military aircraft that have been in use for thirty years; and

Whereas, the F-35 will not only provide needed support for our nation's military, it will strengthen international alliances and ensure the success of our peacekeeping missions; and

Whereas, there is currently discussion in Congress about continuing full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; and

Whereas, the United States has been investing in the production of the F-35 for more than a decade and will lose the benefits of this investment if full funding and planned production are not continued; and

Whereas, the F-35 program is generating 845 direct and indirect jobs and \$69.5 million in economic activity in Maine; and

Whereas, the Town of North Berwick has a proud history of supporting our nation's military; and

Whereas, the Town of North Berwick is honored to be the home of Pratt & Whitney's jet engine manufacturing plant; and

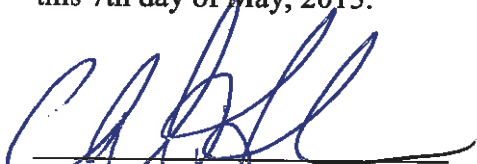
Whereas, the Town of North Berwick will continue its partnership role as part of the supplier base for the F-35; and

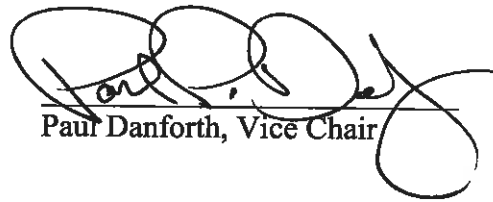
Whereas, Pratt & Whitney has 1,500 employees, of which 100 reside in North Berwick and the remainder throughout the region;

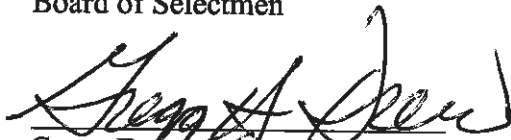
Resolved, by the North Berwick, Maine Board of Selectmen, that we memorialize the United States Congress to recognize the importance of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to Maine, the United States and our allies around the world by supporting full funding and full production for the F-35 program.


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, Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Michael Michaud...

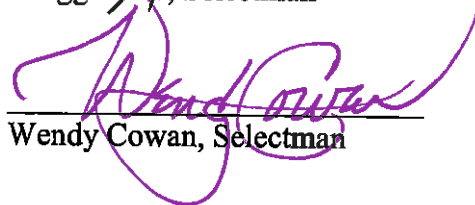
Read and Adopted by a Vote of the North Berwick Board of Selectman in meeting assembled, this 7th day of May, 2013.


Charles C. Galemmo, Chairman
Board of Selectmen


Paul Danforth, Vice Chair


Gregg Drew, Selectman


Elaine Folsom, Selectman


Wendy Cowan, Selectman