

Senator Hunter offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 79.**

A resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense to direct contracts to Michigan companies.

Whereas, Southeast Michigan earned the title "Arsenal of Democracy" in World War II. Despite this legacy, our region's role in the defense industries has declined a great deal. Nonetheless, Michigan retains a wealth of defense and defense-related expertise that the United States Department of Defense should utilize in building a 21st century military; and

Whereas, A recent example of southeast Michigan hosting a defense-related firm is the city of Inkster's success in having one of its high-tech companies secure a contract for developing a web security system for use by the United States Navy. Such a contract demonstrates the potential for further defense work in a particularly hard hit area in our state. The benefits of such contracts have an impact throughout southeast Michigan and our entire state; and

Whereas, As Michigan seeks to diversify its economy from over-reliance on automobile manufacturing, the knowledge and infrastructure that supported these older industries are still invaluable in building new industries. Michigan remains a powerful asset that can host defense initiatives that seek to harness advanced technology for our nation's defense; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Department of Defense to direct contracts to Michigan companies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Defense.