

Senator Nofs offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 82.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to support continued funding of the United States Department of Defense STARBASE youth science and technology program.

Whereas, Early childhood access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education opportunities are critical to our nation's future as an economic and technological leader of the global marketplace; and

Whereas, The STARBASE program utilizes military resources and technology not otherwise available to Michigan school districts to support STEM education; and

Whereas, The program strives to motivate children to explore STEM-related opportunities and provides vital exposure for traditionally underrepresented communities to technology professions; and

Whereas, Michigan is home to three successful STARBASE program locations based in Alpena, Battle Creek, and Mt. Clemens that annually serve more than 3,500 students; and

Whereas, Michigan led the nation by pioneering the STARBASE concept as well as holding the original pilot programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to preserve full funding and support for the United States Department of Defense STARBASE youth science and technology program; and be it further

Resolved, That we strongly encourage the members of the Michigan congressional delegation to support this vital program by joining the recently established STARBASE Caucus; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.