

Requesting The US Department Of Transportation And The Federal Aviation Administration Consider Stewart International Airport As The Location Of The Air-Traffic Control Operations Center

Referred to: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete); and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee Richard A. Gerentine and Deputy Chairman Donald J. Gregorius offer the following:

WHEREAS, a focus of the Ulster County Legislature is economic growth and stability within the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Stewart International Airport and the Port Authority of NY and NJ have earmarked Five Hundred Million (\$500,000,000) Dollars to invest in infrastructure upgrades and development of Stewart International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are evaluating suitable locations for the development of a new air traffic control center within 150 miles of the major metropolitan airports; and

WHEREAS, the Air-Traffic Control Operations Center would be a state-of-the-art, satellite-based, NextGen facility; and

WHEREAS, Stewart International Airport lacks the constraints of congestion, and is advantageously situated for future growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, at Stewart International Airport, there is land available for future development that could accommodate the Air-Traffic Control Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, in today's economic environment, the retention of high quality, high-paying New York jobs in a most important focus of economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley boasts a robust educated workforce to support the NextGen technology; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley's high quality of life is an important factor for attracting a growing workforce; and

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to recommend to the FAA and USDOT that they strongly consider locating the Air-Traffic Control Operations Center at Stewart International Airport due to (1) its suitability for such a facility, (2) the availability of land and supporting infrastructure to support such a facility, and for (3) the presence of a robust, educated workforce; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests that the USDOT and FAA consider Stewart International Airport as the site for the construction of the Air-Traffic Control Operations Center, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation, USDOT; Michael P. Huerta, Acting Administrator, FAA; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; United States Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer; United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey; New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr.; New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, and Peter Lopez; Michael R. Pillmeier, Chairman, Orange County Legislature; Robert Rollson, Chairman, Dutchess County Legislature, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Richard Parete and Robert Parete)

Passed Committee: Laws & Rules, Government Services on August 13, 2012
Passed Committee: Ways and Means on August 14, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 14th day of August, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 15th Day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature