

Supporting LaDolce Machine Company, Saugerties, New York, By Urging The United States Congress To Continue To Provide Funding For The F-22 Raptor Program In The 2009 Federal Budget

Legislator Fabiano and the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offer the following:

WHEREAS, under present conditions, the Defense Department portion of the proposed 2009 Federal Budget will be the last year funding is provided for the F-22 Raptor Fighter aircraft, and

WHEREAS, if no further federal funding is provided for the F-22, its production run will end at 183 aircraft, well short of the United States Air Force's stated requirement of 381, and

WHEREAS, the F-22 Raptor program has added \$1.5 million in revenue for LaDolce Machine Company and created 15 full-time jobs and a number of temporary jobs, and

WHEREAS, if funding for the F-22 Raptor is not included in the 2009 Federal Budget, the program will end in October 2008, and

WHEREAS, if the F-22 Raptor program ends, LaDolce Machine Company and the Hudson Valley economy will be negatively affected by the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs.

RESOLVED, in recognition of importance of the F-22 Raptor program to the defense of the United States and the Hudson Valley economy, the Ulster County Legislature hereby urges the United States Congress to continue to provide funding for the F-22 Raptor program in the 2009 Federal Budget, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution in no way constitutes support for the war, but supports the F-22 Raptor program as a way of strengthening national defense, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and the National Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 26 NOES: 3
(NOES: Legislators Donaldson, Shapiro and Zimet)
(Absent: Legislators Briggs, Dart, Kraft and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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