

Rep. Hughes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 107.

A resolution to urge the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and Transportation Security Administration to address policies causing ongoing difficulty to veterans traveling with service animals, and encourage the review of these policies with the intent to promulgate clear directives.

Whereas, Our returning heroes deserve the highest level of care and access to care available. Service members face unique challenges after returning home and now, more than ever, veterans are returning home with invisible injuries; and

Whereas, Service animals have been utilized by individuals with a variety of disabilities to provide assistance, care, and comfort. Most recently, our returning veterans have found service animals to be exceptionally adept at mitigating the challenges associated with returning to civilian life; and

Whereas, Veterans who are paired with a service animal to assist in their rehabilitation and long-term care should not be faced with further barriers when traveling. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Code of Federal Regulations, a service animal should be permitted in any place where an individual with a disability needs to go, including on an airplane; and

Whereas, Numerous veterans have reported ongoing struggles navigating the complex and seemingly ever changing policies of commercial airline companies. Clear, concise, and uniform guidelines addressing how a veteran and their service animal navigate commercial airline travel are necessary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and Transportation Security Administration to review their policies and establish clear and concise regulations for veterans traveling with service animals; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.