PEACE INITIATIVE: TURTLES ON THE TARMAC

I know how to solve at least two problems at once.
If a hundred and fifty female diamondback terrapins
could shut down the runway at JFK,
what could a million horny spinsters do
if they simultaneously swarmed a war zone
yelling, that's enough, boys! It's mating season!

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