

frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Tuttle that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Tuttle has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### BREWER SCIENCE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I honor the 30th anniversary of Brewer Science, an innovative, high-technology company from Rolla, MO.

When Brewer Science was started by Dr. Terry and Paula Brewer in 1981, it had only three employees. Like so many small businesses in our country, the company has grown and expanded because of its commitment to hard work, innovative solutions and exceptional service for its customers. From humble beginnings, the company has grown today to 263 employees working globally to bring groundbreaking technology to companies worldwide.

Brewer Science is best known in the microelectronics industry for introducing ARC brand bottom antireflecting coatings in 1981 to microchip makers. In the past 30 years, they have expanded their portfolio to include optoelectronic coatings, protective coatings, bonding processes and nanotechnology products, which enable the manufacturing of advanced integrated circuits, sensors and displays throughout the world.

As Brewer Science has continued to grow, their vision and philosophy have remained consistent. The milestone that I ask us to honor today is a tribute to this vision.

Brewer Science has translated their success in business into a better community for Missourians. Brewer Science has had a positive impact on its community through service, volunteering, and donations to various arts, educational and environment programs.

Brewer Science's passion for providing dedicated service and their emphasis on innovation serve as an inspiration for all Missourians. Their achievements deserve the highest commemoration.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary of Brewer Science.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ERIC GANGLOFF

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Eric Gangloff, who has served the American people for more than 25 years at the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. He has served in numerous roles, including as the director of the Commission's Japan office, as associate executive director, and currently as the Commission's executive director.

Dr. Gangloff has, through his work at the Commission, contributed substan-

tially to research, training, and student exchange programs with Japan, and supported the valuable projects of countless scholars, students, and artists through Commission grant programs.

Throughout his tenure as executive director of the Commission, Dr. Gangloff has worked with the leaders of several professional organizations of Japanese language educators, encouraging them to join forces and work together in order to provide maximum support for Japanese language teachers at all levels in the United States, from kindergarten through college. As a result of his efforts and continuing support, the Alliance of Associations of Teachers of Japanese was founded in 1999 as a coalition that represents and serves two previously separate organizations.

Dr. Gangloff also spearheaded a movement to create the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources in 1991 to meet the demands of the American library community for Japanese research materials. The creation of the NCC brought the activities of the Japan studies library community into a clearinghouse that focuses on resource-sharing through cooperative collection development, information literacy at all levels within the Japan studies field and fosters close collaboration and consultation among librarians, the academic community and funding agencies in both countries.

In addition, Dr. Gangloff is responsible for the strengthening of long-term positive relations between the two countries through his creation and long-term support and guidance of the U.S.-Japan Legislative Exchange Program which brings together on a semi-annual basis, a core group of United States Congressional Members and Japanese Diet Members for in-depth and informal discussions on a broad range of political, economic and security issues. Discussions such as these cement the bonds between the two countries at the highest levels, which is especially important at times of great stress, such as the recent tragic events in Japan.

Dr. Gangloff was the driving force behind the creation in 1998 of the United States Japan Bridging Foundation, a charitable organization that expands opportunities for American undergraduate students to study in Japan. This public-private partnership, directed by Dr. Gangloff, has raised over \$4,000,000 and awarded over 1,000 scholarships to American students since its inception.

In short, Dr. Eric Gangloff has provided inspired leadership throughout his career in cultural, educational, and scholarly dialogue and exchange between Japan and the United States. On behalf of the congressional Members serving as Commissioners of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission—Senator MURKOWSKI, Congressman TOM PETRI, Congressman JIM McDERMOTT, and my-

self—I would like to express our deepest gratitude for these contributions and assure Dr. Gangloff that the positive results of his hard work will be felt for years to come.●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1697. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1698. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1700. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Director, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Reserve System's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1701. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and Standards of Performance for Portland Cement Plants" (FRL No. 9306-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1702. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Sunland Park Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9305-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1703. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method 301—Field Validation of Pollutant Measurement Methods from Various Waste Media" (FRL No. 9306-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1704. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the New Source Review (NSR) Program for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM<sub>2.5</sub>); Final Rule to Repeal Grandfather Provision" (FRL No. 9306-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1705. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Defer Sanctions, Sacramento Metro 1-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, California" (FRL No. 9307-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1706. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hours of Service Exception for Railroad Signal Employees" (RIN2126-AB36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1707. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard" (RIN2127-AK81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1708. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards" (RIN2126-AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1709. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards No. 108; Lamp, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment" (RIN2127-AK85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1710. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Hudson River South of the Troy Locks, NY" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0794)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1711. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Potomac River, Charles County, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1113)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1712. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Krewe of Charleston Mardi Gras Boat Parade, Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1151)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1713. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Mavericks Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1093)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1714. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Patriot Challenge Kayak Race, Ashley River, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0039)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1715. A communication from the Acting Director, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing Lender Indemnification and Elimination of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Rate as an Interest Rate Option" (RIN0575-AC83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1716. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the Joint Tactical Radio System Ground Mobile Radio (GMR) program exceeding the Acquisition Program Baseline values; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1717. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Business Systems—Definition and Administration" ((RIN0750-AG58) (DFARS Case 2009-D038)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1718. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Exemptions to the Specified Tax Return Preparer Electronic Filing Requirement Under Internal Revenue Code Section 6011(e)(3) and Regulations Under Section 6011(e)(3)" (Notice 2011-26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1719. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Contribution Limitations Made to a Health Savings Account Pur-

suant to Section 223" (Rev. Proc. 2011-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1720. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0201)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Ferry II Maritime Security Exercise; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0196)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Dredging Operations; Delaware River, Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0127)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0201)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Ferry II Maritime Security Exercise; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0201)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Texas International Boat Show Power Boat Races; Corpus Christi Marina, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0140)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red River Safety Zone, Red River, MN" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0263)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; M/V Davy Crockett, Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0939)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Havasu Landing Regatta, Colorado River, Lake Havasu Landing, California" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0018)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Miami International Triathlon, Bayfront Park, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1730. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Soil Sampling; Chicago River, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0086)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1731. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Todd Pacific Shipyards Vessel Roll-Out, West Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1732. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pensacola Bay; Pensacola, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0212)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1733. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V Davy Crockett, Columbia River" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0939)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1734. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red River Safety Zone, Red River, MN" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0263)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1735. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Boom Days, Buffalo Outer Harbor, Buffalo, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0132)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1736. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Boom Days, Niagara River, Niagara Falls, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0131)) received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1737. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V Davy Crockett, Columbia and Willamette Rivers" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0939)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1738. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Repair of High Voltage Transmission Lines to Logan International Airport, Saugus River, Saugus, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0992)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1739. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays in the Captain of the Port Columbia River Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0997)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1740. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Charleston Race Week, Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1152)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1741. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Cruise Ships, Port of San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0038)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1742. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Increase of Security Zones under 22 CFR 165.1183 from 100 to 500 Yards; San Francisco Bay, Delta Ports, Monterey Bay, and Humboldt Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0038)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1743. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Passenger Vessels, Sector Southeastern New England Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0864)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-11. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois

urging Congress to vote against the F-35 alternate engine appropriations measure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 73

Whereas, the federal government, now more than ever, needs to eliminate wasteful spending programs from its budget; and

Whereas, the federal deficit recently hit \$13.5 trillion; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense will spend \$708 billion on defense spending in the 2011 fiscal year for both base defense programs and overseas contingency operations to promote the safety and welfare of our nation; and

Whereas, Congress has planned to appropriate \$465 million for an alternate GE F136 engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program in the Defense Appropriations Bill; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense has already contracted the Pratt & Whitney F135 engine, which has gone through multiple series of testing and development; and

Whereas, no military aircraft in the past three decades has been procured with multiple engine suppliers; and

Whereas, developing the alternate engine would cost \$2.9 billion dollars over the next two to three years; and

Whereas, having multiple engine suppliers will require additional spending for two sets of parts, two production and maintenance lines, and additional personnel and training, which will lead to the production of fewer Joint Strike Fighter planes; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama, with urging from military officials and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, vows to veto the Defense Authorization Bill if the alternate engine appropriation is included in the bill; and

Whereas, defense spending can be used more efficiently for more vital military programs; therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage the members of the Illinois congressional delegation to vote against the F-35 alternate engine appropriations measure; and be it further*

*Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Barack Obama, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.*

POM-12. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to enact legislation that creates a mortgage foreclosure moratorium; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 10

Whereas, the mortgage foreclosure crisis deepened after it was disclosed that several large home mortgage lenders utilized procedures that were legally insufficient to support foreclosures; and

Whereas, after problems were revealed about the manner in which foreclosure affidavits were processed, the uncertainty about the true ownership of mortgages, and the questionable legal standing of the entities that initiated foreclosure proceedings, 2 of the nation's largest residential lenders announced that they were each beginning a self-imposed mortgage foreclosure moratorium; and

Whereas, although this crisis has its origins in numerous events, practices, and policy decisions, a central element of the foreclosure problem is the Mortgage Electronic Registry System (MERS), an electronic registry of land records which was created in 1998 by the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home