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#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL AND EMILY BECK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael and Emily Beck of Keystone, SD, as my nominees for the 2010 Angels in Adoption Award. Since 1999, the Angels in Adoption program through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute has honored more than 1,600 individuals, couples, and organizations nationwide for their work in providing children with loving, stable homes.

Michael and Emily Beck were high school sweethearts, and decided early in their relationship that they would eventually start a family through adoption. The Becks have done exactly that through the adoption of four children. Tehya, 6, was adopted when she was just a baby, and this year the Beck family grew by three more. In July, Michael and Emily finalized the adoption of their foster children, John, 7, and his sisters, Emily, 5, and Shyanne, 4. Michael and Emily worked diligently to reunite John, Emily, and Shyanne who had been separated in the foster system.

I admire the Beck's desire to promote foster care and advocate adoption as a way of life. A significant driving force behind their philosophy on adoption is their belief in the call God has placed upon His family to care for those who have no family to care for them. The Beck's goal is to provide permanency—a stable home and loving family—for children who can often spend their entire childhood in the foster care system.

The Becks also exemplify selfless service to our Nation. Michael and Emily both serve our country through the Army National Guard, and Michael has orders to deploy to the Middle East in 2011.

As a father myself, I can speak to the sacrifices that parents willingly make for the well-being of their children. It is apparent through their stories that Michael and Emily make significant sacrifices to provide for their children and find joy in the small accomplishments of parenting. Michael and Emily are committed to providing a promising and loving future for their family.

National Adoption Day this year is November 20, 2010, and I can think of no better family to serve as a role model for others who seek to adopt than Michael and Emily Beck, my nominees for the 2010 Angels in Adoption Award.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6397. An act to amend section 101(a)(35) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for a marriage for which the parties are not physically in the presence of each other due to service abroad in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1376. An act to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission into the United States.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 328. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96-517 (commonly referred to as the "Bayh-Dole Act") on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3689. An act to clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5566) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate commerce in animal crush videos, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Section 1002 of the Intel-

ligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-306) as amended by section 701(a)(3) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-259), and the other of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appointed the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Mr. Maurice Sonnenberg of New York, NY.

At 12:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5367. An act to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5655. An act to designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 5702. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections to fill vacancies in local offices in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 6237. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

H.R. 6278. An act to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6387. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building".

H.R. 6399. An act to improve certain administrative operations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 3567. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building".

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.

At 6:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 332. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 3808) to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5758. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 259. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 500th anniversary of the birth of Italian architect Andrea Palladio; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 329. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3962. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.

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#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3975. A bill to permanently extend the 2001 and 2003 tax relief provisions, and to permanently repeal the estate tax, and to provide permanent alternative minimum tax relief, 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-7907. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Nonformula Federal Assistance Programs—Administrative Provisions for the Sun Grant

Program" (RIN0524-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7908. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isoxaben; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8845-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7909. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Rear Admiral Robert B. Murrett, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7910. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitive procedures and the authorization of awarding a contract for short-term dry-docking depot level repair and maintenance availabilities of FFG/DDG ships homeported in the Puget Sound area of Washington from FY 2011 through FY 2015 to Todd Pacific Shipyard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7911. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7912. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7913. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Switzerland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7914. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7915. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortgage Loan Transfer Disclosures" (Docket No. R-1378) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7916. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers; Interim Rule" (Docket No. R-1377) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7917. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z (Truth in Lending) Interim Rule; Request for Public Comment" (Docket No. R-1366) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

November 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7918. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Part 226 Regulation Z—Truth in Lending" (Docket No. R-1384) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7919. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Socioeconomic Programs" (RIN1991-AB87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7920. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Agency Supplementary Regulations" (RIN1991-AB91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7921. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for the Southern District Population Segment of the Spotted Seal" (RIN0648-XR74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7922. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Fine Particle Standard" (FRL No. 9225-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7923. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Excess Emissions During Startup, Shutdown, Maintenance, and Malfunction Activities" (FRL No. 9223-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Emissions Banking and Trading of Allowances Program" (FRL No. 9226-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7925. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse