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Congratulating the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on its 125
years of codes and standards development.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAUFMAN submitted the following resolution; which was considered and
agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on its 125 years of codes and standards development.

Whereas the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), which was founded in 1880 and currently includes more than 127,000 members worldwide, is a premier professional organization serving the engineering and technical community through high-quality programs in the development and maintenance of codes and standards, continuing education, research, conferences, publications, and government relations;

Whereas in 2009, ASME is celebrating its 125th anniversary of codes and standards development, commemorating a rich history of engineering progress, technological safety, and service to industry and government;

Whereas the ASME codes and standards activity began in a period of rising industrialization in the United States and grew in stature and influence as technology advanced and new industries were born;

Whereas a significant achievement in the history of ASME includes the issuance of the first ASME Boiler Code in 1914;

Whereas the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code has since been incorporated into the laws of all 50 States and is also referenced in Canada and other parts of the world;

Whereas since the publication of its first performance test code 125 years ago, titled “Code for the Conduct of Trials of Steam Boilers”, ASME has developed more than 500 technical standards for pressure vessel technology, electric and nuclear power facilities, elevators and escalators, gas pipelines, engineering drawing practices, and numerous other technical and engineered products and processes;

Whereas ASME codes and standards and conformity assessment programs are presently used in more than 100 countries;

Whereas ASME’s celebration of its 125 years of codes and standards development is a tribute to the dedicated service of technical experts and staff whose efforts result in internationally accepted standards that enhance public safety and provide lifelong learning and technical exchange opportunities that benefit the global engineering and technology community; and

Whereas ASME honors the dedicated volunteers who participate in their codes and standards and conformity assessment programs, which today are a global operation in-

volving more than 4,000 individuals: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates ASME on the 125th anniversary of its renowned codes and standards activity;

3 (2) recognizes and celebrates the achievements of all ASME volunteer members and staff who participate in the codes and standards programs;

4 (3) expresses the gratitude of the people of the United States for the contributions provided by ASME's codes and standards to the health, safety, and economic well-being of the citizenry of this Nation;

5 (4) recognizes ASME's focus on global and accessible standards development and their vision for technical competence and innovation;

6 (5) recognizes ASME's mission to be the essential resource for mechanical engineers and other technical professionals throughout the world for solutions that benefit humankind; and

7 (6) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the president of ASME.

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