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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The federal government, now more than ever, needs
3 to eliminate wasteful spending programs from its budget; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal deficit recently hit \$13.5 trillion;
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6 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense will spend \$708 billion
7 on defense spending in the 2011 fiscal year for both base
8 defense programs and overseas contingency operations to
9 promote the safety and welfare of our nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Congress has planned to appropriate \$465 million
11 for an alternate GE F-136 engine for the F-35 Joint Strike
12 Fighter program in the Defense Appropriations Bill; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense has already contracted
14 the Pratt & Whitney F-135 engine, which has gone through
15 multiple series of testing and development; and

16 WHEREAS, No military aircraft in the past 3 decades has
17 been procured with multiple engine suppliers; and

18 WHEREAS, Developing the alternate engine would cost \$2.9
19 billion dollars over the next 2 to 3 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Having multiple engine suppliers will require
2 additional spending for 2 sets of parts, 2 production and
3 maintenance lines, and additional personnel and training,
4 which will lead to the production of fewer Joint Strike Fighter
5 planes; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Defense spending can be used more efficiently for
11 more vital military programs; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 encourage the members of the Illinois congressional delegation
15 to vote against the F-35 alternate engine appropriations
16 measure; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to the members of the Illinois congressional
19 delegation.