
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 55 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY PYLE, HARHAI, BENNINGHOFF, BRENNAN, BURNS, CAUSER, CHRISTIANA, P. COSTA, CUTLER, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, GABLER, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, M.K. KELLER, KILLION, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KRIEGER, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MASSER, MILLARD, MURPHY, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PETRARCA, PICKETT, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROSS, SAYLOR, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND METZGAR, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 4, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and paying tribute to the important role the coal
2 mining industry plays in the economy of this Commonwealth and
3 recognizing 2010 as a year in which there were no coal mining
4 fatalities in this Commonwealth and congratulating all those
5 who contributed to this significant achievement.

6 WHEREAS, The coal industry has played a significant role in
7 the history and vitality of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the fourth-leading coal producing
9 state in the United States, mining 68 million tons in the
10 previous year with 80% of this output from 39 underground mines
11 and the remainder from 377 surface mines and reprocessing sites;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania coal mining industry is a major
14 economic engine for this Commonwealth, creating 49,100 direct
15 and indirect jobs with a total payroll in excess of \$2.2

1 billion; and

2 WHEREAS, Taxes on these wages generated more than \$700
3 million in revenue for the Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Coal has been and will continue to be the major fuel
5 of choice for electric generation, with 50% of the electricity
6 generated in the United States being produced by coal and coal
7 accounting for 56% of the total amount of electricity generated
8 in Pennsylvania in the past year; and

9 WHEREAS, While the use of coal has increased, advances in
10 technology have allowed it to be processed and utilized in a
11 cleaner and more environmentally friendly manner; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1979 to 2009, coal generation increased by 225%
13 while emissions of regulated pollutants decreased by 77%; and

14 WHEREAS, Coal mining is an inherently hazardous occupation
15 accounting for 48 fatalities in the United States in 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2010, there were no coal mining-related
17 fatalities in this Commonwealth, which is a tribute to the
18 dedication of the men and women within the industry creating a
19 safer work environment; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and pay
21 tribute to the important role the coal mining industry plays in
22 the economy of this Commonwealth; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize 2010 as
24 a year in which there were no coal mining fatalities in this
25 Commonwealth and congratulate all those who contributed to this
26 significant achievement.