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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

**DATE:** March 9, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of a Resolution: Calling for a Coal Miner Stamp

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In the near future, I will introduce a resolution urging the Federal Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a stamp recognizing contributions made by the American coal miner and memorialize over 100,000 coal miners who have died mining coal.

For several years, the Coal Miners' Stamp Committee of Northeastern Pennsylvania has aggressively lobbied the Federal Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recognize the coal miners' work in providing the fuel for our nation's economy. Without the coal from Pennsylvania and other coal producing states, America's steel industry, electricity production, and economy would be devastated. The history of Pennsylvania would be drastically different if it wasn't for the humble coal miner toiling in our mines producing the It is coal that enables us to heat our homes, drive in steel cars and turn the lights on.

It is time the sacrifices of coal miners be recognized by placing their image on the face of with a Unites States postage stamp. This gesture of respect is appropriate and proper. It is, the very least, that a grateful nation can bestow upon those who have worked in such dark and dangerous conditions, gave their lives, and suffered incalculable hardship to enable all of us to receive a better quality of life.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Lauren Bordner at [lbordner@pahouse.net](mailto:lbordner@pahouse.net).