
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to enact legislation ensuring health care
2 benefits to retired coal miners.

3 WHEREAS, A Federal commission established by former United
4 States Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole recommended that
5 Congress adopt legislation to ensure the continued provision of
6 health benefits to retired coal miners who receive such benefits
7 from the United Mineworkers of America (UMWA) Health and
8 Retirement Funds; and

9 WHEREAS, Such legislation, introduced by Senator Jay
10 Rockefeller of West Virginia (S. 1989) and Congressman John
11 Murtha of Pennsylvania (H.R. 4013), would require all companies
12 to pay a fair share of the cost of providing health benefits to
13 their former employees and place an equitable fee on the entire
14 coal industry to pay for the cost of "orphan" retirees who have
15 no company to pay for such benefits; and

16 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvania residents receive their health
17 care from the UMWA Funds; and

1 WHEREAS, The UMWA Funds currently are experiencing serious
2 financial difficulties; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rockefeller/Murtha legislation has been endorsed
4 by both labor and management in the coal industry; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
7 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly support S. 1989 and
8 H.R. 4013 and urge Congress to enact them into law; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
11 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
12 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.