

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 29, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 9, 2009, as "Coal Miners Day" in Pennsylvania
2 in appreciation, honor and remembrance of the accomplishments
3 and sacrifices of coal miners in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, The number of coal miners who have died on the job
5 in this Commonwealth since 1870 totals 51,514, which consists of
6 31,119 underground anthracite fatalities and 20,395 underground
7 bituminous fatalities; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1907, the deadliest year in United States and
9 Pennsylvania coal mining history, 3,242 miners were killed,
10 including 1,514 miners from Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the significance of
12 coal mining to the history and vitality of this Commonwealth and

1 its economy; and

2 WHEREAS, Coal mining is safer today because the industry, its
3 miners and government are working together to make the safety of
4 miners the highest priority, thereby significantly reducing the
5 frequency of accidents and fatalities; and

6 WHEREAS, The near-catastrophe and successful rescue of nine
7 miners at the Quecreek Mine in Somerset County in July 2002, the
8 deaths of 12 miners at the Sago Mine in West Virginia in January
9 2006 and the tragedy involving the six miners and three rescue
10 workers at the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah in August 2007 serve
11 as stark reminders of the dangers related to mining; and

12 WHEREAS, Coal miners who have perished in Pennsylvania coal
13 mine accidents and disasters and the families they left behind
14 should not be forgotten; and

15 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives seek to designate
16 August 9, 2009, as "Coal Miners Day" in Pennsylvania in
17 appreciation, honor and remembrance of the accomplishments and
18 sacrifices of coal miners in this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, Part of the day on August 9, 2009, should be set
20 aside for quiet contemplation to honor those brave miners; and

21 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives urge the Governor to
22 issue a proclamation designating August 9, 2009, as "Coal Miners
23 Day" in Pennsylvania; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
25 9, 2009, as "Coal Miners Day" in Pennsylvania in appreciation,
26 honor and remembrance of the accomplishments and sacrifices of
27 miners in this Commonwealth; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That on August 9, 2009, at least part of the day be
29 set aside for quiet contemplation to honor those brave miners;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the Governor urging his issuance of a proclamation to proclaim
3 August 9, 2009, as "Coal Miners Day" in Pennsylvania.