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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 25, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the coal miners who perished at the Upper Big Branch
2 Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, by extending
3 condolences to the families of the fallen coal miners and the
4 people of West Virginia; and urging the Citizens' Stamp
5 Advisory Committee to recommend to the United States Postal
6 Service that, in recognition of the deaths of more than
7 100,000 miners, an image of an American coal miner be placed
8 on the face of a United States postage stamp.

9 WHEREAS, Following an explosion on April 5, 2010, 29 coal
10 miners from West Virginia tragically perished in the Upper Big
11 Branch Mine-South; and

12 WHEREAS, The explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine-South was
13 one of the worst coal mining disasters in the United States in
14 recent memory; and

1 WHEREAS, For these miners, coal mining was not just a job; it
2 was a calling; and

3 WHEREAS, The miners lived with the knowledge that there is
4 risk in coal mining, but they were proud to take that risk and
5 they labored in the company of good and loyal friends in order
6 to earn an honest paycheck which provided for their families and
7 themselves; and

8 WHEREAS, Coal miners and their families have shaped the
9 history and culture of the State of West Virginia and the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States is greatly indebted to all coal
12 miners who work in difficult and dangerous conditions to provide
13 the fuel necessary to keep our country strong and secure; and

14 WHEREAS, Coal miners have fueled our nation's economic engine
15 and ensured our military security by providing coal not just for
16 the generation of power but as an essential element in the
17 steel-making process; and

18 WHEREAS, Federal and state authorities must review coal
19 mining rules and regulations to ensure that coal miners are
20 protected and that coal mine tragedies do not occur again; and

21 WHEREAS, Technological advances and years of accumulated
22 information and statistics must be utilized to help prevent coal
23 mine accidents; and

24 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Board of Coal Mine Safety and the
25 Mine Safety and Health Administration should review the
26 applicable rules and regulations to protect the safety of coal
27 miners; and

28 WHEREAS, The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should
29 approve and issue a United States postal stamp depicting an
30 image of an American coal miner on its face, in recognition of

1 the deaths of more than 100,000 miners; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the ultimate sacrifice
4 made by the 29 coal miners lost at the Upper Big Branch Mine-
5 South, Raleigh County, West Virginia; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend their deepest condolences,
8 on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to
9 the families of the fallen coal miners and the people of West
10 Virginia; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Citizens' Stamp Advisory
13 Committee to approve and issue a United States postal stamp
14 depicting an image of an American coal miner on its face in
15 recognition of the deaths of more than 100,000 miners; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
18 the Chief Clerk of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the
19 General Assembly of the State of West Virginia and to the
20 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.