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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Center Rock, Inc., and its owner, Brandon Fisher, for  
2 the pivotal role they played in the rescue of the 33 Chilean  
3 miners on October 13, 2010, in Copiapo, Chile.

4 WHEREAS, On August 5, 2010, a cave-in in the San Jose copper  
5 mine near Copiapo, Chile trapped 33 men 2,300 feet underground;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A small company in Berlin, Somerset County, that had  
8 been instrumental in the 2002 Quecreek mine rescue in  
9 Pennsylvania, was called upon by industry experts and the  
10 Chilean government to drill a rescue bore hole to try to reach  
11 the 33 miners; and

12 WHEREAS, The company, Center Rock, Inc., its engineers and  
13 its owner, Brandon Fisher, have created pneumatic-driven air  
14 compressor custom drills with bits that chip away at rock like a  
15 jackhammer, and it was an extremely complex project to drill

1 through the hard rock while maintaining the safety of the  
2 trapped men below; and

3 WHEREAS, Fisher worked with a Center Rock supplier, Driller  
4 Supply of South America, to drill the hole and projected that  
5 the men would be reached shortly before Christmas; and

6 WHEREAS, Rescue workers, family members and government  
7 officials were overjoyed on Saturday, October 9, when the drill  
8 broke through the final 100 feet of rock, months ahead of  
9 schedule; and

10 WHEREAS, Fisher returned to the United States on Tuesday,  
11 October 12, and watched, along with the rest of the world, as  
12 each man emerged from the hole his drills had produced, thrilled  
13 that all 33 men and six rescue workers were safe and uninjured  
14 by the extraction process; and

15 WHEREAS, Many hundreds of workers made the rescue possible  
16 and the Chilean government's support of the rescue was  
17 essential, but their efforts would have been much more difficult  
18 without the precision drills provided by Center Rock and Fisher,  
19 who was on-site throughout the drilling process; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend Center  
21 Rock, Inc., and its owner, Brandon Fisher, for the pivotal role  
22 they played in the rescue of the 33 Chilean miners on October  
23 13, 2010, in Copiapo, Chile.