

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 13, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Federal Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to
 2 recommend to the United States Postal Service that, in
 3 recognition of the deaths of more than 100,000 coal miners,
 4 an image of an American coal miner be placed on the face of a
 5 United States postage stamp.

6 WHEREAS, Year after year, Federal and state resolutions of
 7 legislatures are presented and written into the official
 8 government record; and

9 WHEREAS, A new set of Federal postage stamps illustrating
 10 plants, vegetables, trees, animals, cartoon characters, insects,
 11 fish, birds, seashells and even snowflakes are recommended to
 12 and approved by the Federal Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
 13 based on such resolutions; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no postage stamp recognizing the tremendous
 15 contribution of coal miners to the success of our country; and

1 WHEREAS, The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee passes on
2 approving the American Coal Miner Stamp yearly, despite the fact
3 that coal miners and their families have helped shape the
4 history and culture of the United States and Pennsylvania, and
5 thousands of petitions are distributed and signed to recognize
6 that more than 100,000 coal miners died as they excavated the
7 fuel for our country's Industrial Revolution; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States and this Commonwealth are indebted
9 to all coal miners who work in difficult and dangerous
10 conditions and to the hundreds of thousands of people who have
11 suffered from lung disease and other maladies caused by working
12 in unsafe and unhealthy mine conditions; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The coal miners that died knew the risks involved,
18 but they were proud to take that risk, and they labored in the
19 company of good and loyal friends in order to earn an honest
20 paycheck which provided for their families; and

21 WHEREAS, The idea of issuing a United States postage stamp to
22 honor the efforts of the American coal miner has received
23 positive and complimentary support; and

24 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth and of the country
25 at large support honoring American coal miners with a postage
26 stamp for the important contributions they have made to our
27 country; and

28 WHEREAS, The Coal Miners Stamp Committee of Northeastern
29 Pennsylvania supports the creation of a stamp that recognizes
30 the American coal miner; and

1 WHEREAS, The Coal Miners Stamp Committee of Northeastern
2 Pennsylvania has agreed to organize a nationwide campaign to
3 educate and inform the American public on the importance of this
4 project; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Federal
6 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to approve a United States
7 postage stamp in recognition of the deaths of more than 100,000
8 coal miners by placing an image of an American coal miner on the
9 face of a United States postage stamp; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
11 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Federal
12 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
14 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Majority Leader of the
15 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all
16 members of the General Assembly to contact their counterparts in
17 other coal mining states to implore them to promote the American
18 Coal Miner Stamp initiative.