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H. RES. 1236

Honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the mine disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2010

Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Ms. WOOLSEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the mine disaster.

Whereas coal mining is a time-honored profession and miners and their families have shaped the history and rich culture of West Virginia and the Nation;

Whereas the Nation is greatly indebted to coal miners for the difficult and dangerous work they perform to provide the fuel needed to keep the Nation strong and secure;

Whereas the Nation has long recognized the importance of health and safety protections for miners who labor in extreme and dangerous conditions;

Whereas accidents in the Nation's mines have again and again taken the lives of coal miners;

Whereas 29 West Virginia miners tragically perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South following an explosion on April 5, 2010;

Whereas this was the worst coal mining disaster in the Nation over the last 40 years;

Whereas Federal, State, and local rescue crews worked tirelessly night and day in courageous rescue and recovery efforts;

Whereas the families of the fallen miners have suffered immeasurable loss; and

Whereas residents of Raleigh County and throughout West Virginia came together to support the miners' families:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by
3 the 29 coal miners lost at the Upper Big Branch
4 Mine-South, Raleigh County, West Virginia;

5 (2) extends the deepest condolences of the Na-
6 tion to the families of these men;

7 (3) recognizes all coal miners for enduring the
8 loss of their coworkers and maintaining courage
9 throughout this ordeal;

1 (4) commends the rescue crews for their valiant
2 efforts to find these miners; and

3 (5) honors the many volunteers who provided
4 support and comfort for the miners' families during
5 the rescue and recovery operations.

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