

CHAPTER 27**(HCR 12)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION in support of the issuance of a commemorative U.S. Postal Service stamp honoring America's coal miners.

WHEREAS, United States coal miners perform a unique and vital service for the nation because without a man or woman at the controls of a dragline or working in a darkened mine shaft coal would not tumble into the trucks and barges that crisscross the country to power the boilers that generate over 50 percent of the nation's electricity; and

WHEREAS, coal miners keep the nation supplied with an energy resource that produces electricity for the lowest cost, when compared to fuels other than nuclear, which makes possible the country's unmatched productivity and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, coal miners provide a vital pool of labor with the expertise to produce energy supplies from vast national coal reserves which serves to buffer the country from a dangerous dependence on foreign energy fuels; and

WHEREAS, because of Kentucky's long and proud tradition as a preeminent supplier of the nation's coal supplies, we wish to be counted alongside the U.S. Secretary of Labor, the United Mine Workers of America, schoolchildren from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and the many others seeking the proper recognition of the role played by coal miners in the history of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postmaster General is urged to recommend for issuance as soon as practicable a U.S. Postal Service stamp commemorating the vital role of coal miners in the history and economic productivity of the country. The stamp would commemorate a class of American laborers who in their immigrant origins reflect the melting-pot ideals of the nation, who with their manual labor make possible the technological conveniences of modern American life, and whose contributions to the nation's welfare are generally unknown to the public. A stamp commemorating coal miners holds the promise of illustrating a colorful and historically rich segment of society for the benefit of schoolchildren, stamp collectors, educators, and the public.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be sent to the U.S. Postmaster General and to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant SW, Room 5670, Washington, D.C. 20260-2437.

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