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# Memorandum

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Jeff Pyle  
60th Legislative District *JPP...*

**RE:** Proposed Resolution:  
\* Recognizing the Coal Mining Industry in Pennsylvania

**DATE:** January 31, 2011

It is no secret that the coal industry has played a significant role in the history and vitality of the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania is the fourth leading coal producing state in the United States and the Pennsylvania coal mining industry continues to be a major economic engine for the Commonwealth creating 49,100 direct and indirect jobs with a total payroll in excess of \$2.2 billion.

Furthermore, while coal mining is an inherently hazardous occupation accounting for 48 fatalities in the United States in 2010, during that same year there were no coal mining related fatalities in Pennsylvania, which is a tribute to the dedication of the men and women within the industry creating a safer work environment.

In the near future I will be introducing a resolution to recognize and pay tribute to the important role the coal mining industry plays in the economy of this Commonwealth.

Please join me in recognizing 2010 as a year in which there were no coal mining fatalities and congratulate all those who contributed to this significant achievement. If you are interested in cosponsoring this resolution, please contact my Harrisburg Legislative Assistant, Tracey Mattern, at 783-5327 or via e-mail at [tmattern@pahousegop.com](mailto:tmattern@pahousegop.com) as soon as possible to be added. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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