

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 29

## 91<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1                   **Whereas**, the State of Missouri and the Nation are greatly indebted to coal miners  
2 for the difficult and dangerous work performed to provide the fuel needed to operate Missouri's  
3 and the Nation's industries and to provide energy to homes and businesses; and  
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5                   **Whereas**, millions of workers have toiled in the Nation's coal mines over the last  
6 century, risking both life, limb, and health to fuel our economic expansion; and  
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8                   **Whereas**, during the last century over 100,000 coal miners have been killed in  
9 mining accidents, 100,000 coal miners have contracted black lung disease, and 3,500,000 coal  
10 miners have suffered nonfatal injuries in our Nation's coal mines; and  
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12                   **Whereas**, coal provides 50 percent of the Nation's electricity and 82.1 percent of  
13 Missouri's energy; and  
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15                   **Whereas**, the United States has approximately 275 billion tons of recoverable  
16 reserves which represents about 95 percent of all fossil fuel reserves in the United States, about  
17 one-fourth of the world's known coal reserves, and 275 years of recoverable coal reserves; and  
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19                   **Whereas**, issuing a postage stamp to honor Missouri's and the Nation's coal miners  
20 is fitting and proper:  
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22       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
23 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
24 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to enact H.C.R. 245 and S.C.R. 77  
25 which encourage the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recommend to the Postmaster  
26 General that a stamp honoring the Nation's coal miners be issued; and  
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28       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
29 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
30 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.