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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY ANGELO and MCKINLEY

A Resolution urging the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative postage 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 at low cost which makes possible the country's unmatched productivity and prosperity as well as buffering the nation from a dangerous dependence on foreign energy fuels; and

WHEREAS, the coal industry in Iowa played an important role in the state's social and economic history by fueling the expansion of railroads, making travel and the shipment of supplies much easier across Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the coal mines in central and southern Iowa stimulated industrial activity in an otherwise largely agricultural state and employed thousands of immigrating miners and their descendants, thereby establishing a cultural diversity that remains to this day; and

WHEREAS, coal miners in Iowa and throughout the

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1 nation benefited from the labors of John L. Lewis,
2 born in Lucas, Iowa, in 1880, whose organization of
3 coal miners brought better working conditions, wages,
4 benefits, and increased safety to miners across the
5 country, and whose legacy is preserved in the John L.
6 Lewis Memorial Museum of Mining and Labor located in
7 Lucas, Iowa; and

8 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the
9 contributions and sacrifices of these citizens of the
10 United States and Iowa be recognized and honored; NOW
11 THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges
13 the United States Postal Service to issue a
14 commemorative postage stamp honoring America's coal
15 miners; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, a copy
17 of this Resolution be sent to the United States
18 Postmaster General and to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory
19 Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service,
20 475 L'Enfant SW, Room 5670, Washington, D.C. 20260-
21 2437.

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