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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15
2 BY BOGGESS, STRUYK, LUKAN, ROBERTS, ARNOLD,
3 RASMUSSEN, EICHHORN, WHITAKER, SWAIM, HEATON,
4 PAULSEN, FREVERT, HOFFMAN, WENDT, D. OLSON,
5 CONNORS, D. HANSON, JACOBS, MILLER, OSTERHAUS,
6 ALONS, DAVITT, STEVENS, BOAL, DOLECHECK, JENKINS,
7 JOCHUM, HEDDENS, FOEGE, WHITEAD, and JONES
8 A Resolution urging the United States Postal Service
9 to issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring
10 America's coal miners.
11 WHEREAS, United States coal miners perform a unique
12 and vital service for the nation because without a man
13 or woman at the controls of a dragline or working in a
14 darkened mine shaft, coal would not tumble into the
15 trucks and barges that crisscross the country to power
16 the boilers that generate over 50 percent of the
17 nation's electricity; and
18 WHEREAS, coal miners keep the nation supplied with
19 an energy resource that produces electricity at low
20 cost which makes possible the country's unmatched
21 productivity and prosperity as well as buffering the
22 nation from a dangerous dependence on foreign energy
23 fuels; and
24 WHEREAS, the coal industry in Iowa played an
25 important role in the state's social and economic
26 history by fueling the expansion of railroads, making
27 travel and the shipment of supplies much easier across
28 Iowa; and
29 WHEREAS, the coal mines in central and southern
30 Iowa stimulated industrial activity in an otherwise

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1 largely agricultural state and employed thousands of
2 immigrating miners and their descendants, thereby
3 establishing a cultural diversity that remains to this
4 day; and

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

13 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the
14 contributions and sacrifices of these citizens of the
15 United States and Iowa be recognized and honored; NOW
16 THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
18 That the House of Representatives urges the United
19 States Postal Service to issue a commemorative postage
20 stamp honoring America's coal miners; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, a copy
22 of this Resolution be sent to the United States
23 Postmaster General and to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory
24 Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service,
25 475 L'Enfant SW, Room 5670, Washington, D.C. 20260-
26 2437.

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