

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 746

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Tennessee Mining Association on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially commend those organizations that contribute to the growth and prosperity of Tennessee for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the mineral industry contributes more than \$4.9 billion in economic activity to the state and affects nearly 28,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mining Association is a professional trade association that promotes the sensible utilization and promotion of our bountiful land and mineral resources for the benefit of its members and all citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the Tennessee Mining Association has been uniting the diverse mining operations throughout the three grand divisions to promote and improve the environmental, safety, and business interests of Tennessee's mining industry; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mining Association has played an integral role in environmental restoration through the establishment of the annual Arbor Day event, wherein native hardwood trees are planted on reclaimed mine sites, including the disease-resistant American chestnut hybrid, by local school children; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mining Association has been a lead promoter in ensuring the health and safety of the State's miners by reestablishing the annual Tennessee Mine Safety Rescue Contest; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mining Association has fought to increase the tax base of the local communities whose land and labor fuel Tennessee's mining industry by supporting increases in severance taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mining Association has been a national leader in protecting water quality by supporting increased protections for the State's waterways; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in extending their congratulations to the Tennessee Mining Association as it celebrates its tenth anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Tennessee Mining Association on the occasion of its tenth anniversary and applaud its members on their contributions to their industry, community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.