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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished members and officers of the Texas
2 Mining and Reclamation Association are gathering at the State
3 Capitol on March 26, 2015, to celebrate the association's
4 achievements and to highlight the importance of the mining industry
5 in the Lone Star State; and

6 WHEREAS, Serving as the voice for the Texas mining industry,
7 TMRA strives to create an effective balance between mineral
8 production, environmental protection, economic strength, and
9 public welfare as it educates the public, regulators, and
10 policymakers on the value of mining to our state's economy; and

11 WHEREAS, TMRA provides annual free teacher workshops to
12 increase teachers' knowledge about earth science and geology and
13 how to make the best use of our natural resources while protecting
14 the environment; since 1991, these workshops have provided more
15 than 1,500 teachers with valuable classroom materials and have
16 contributed to the education of over one million students in the
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas contains an abundance of raw materials that
19 improve the quality of our lives: metal ores provide manufacturers
20 with vital components for production; sand, stone, and gravel,
21 which can be found in quarries across the state, serve as the
22 foundation for new construction; and industrial minerals are
23 important components of a variety of products, from pharmaceuticals
24 to automobiles; and

1 WHEREAS, Coal mining and coal-fired electricity generation
2 are important economic engines in Texas, and these industries spark
3 additional business activity up and down their supply chains,
4 thereby creating new jobs and income for Texas residents; Texas
5 coal is a reliable source of fuel for electric power generation and
6 contributes to efforts to make the state more energy independent
7 and a more competitive place to do business; and

8 WHEREAS, Uranium, another fuel source used for the generation
9 of electricity, can produce more power than other clean energy
10 sources; the annual investments and economic activity generated by
11 the Texas uranium mining industry help boost economic growth and
12 development, and this economic activity is an especially critical
13 driver of economic opportunity in many South Texas counties; and

14 WHEREAS, The mining industry in Texas has a positive economic
15 impact of more than \$13 billion annually, including over 34,000
16 direct industry jobs and 86,000 indirect employment opportunities,
17 and this economic impact is largest in small, rural communities
18 that have few other contributing industries; and

19 WHEREAS, By providing important information about the mining
20 industry in Texas and training current and future generations of
21 business and government leaders, TMRA is making significant
22 contributions to the prosperity of the state; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 26, 2015, as Texas Mining and
25 Reclamation Association Day at the Capitol and commend the
26 association for its notable record of service and for its
27 outstanding efforts to educate Texas citizens on the value of

1 mining to our state's economy.