

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Sabine Mining Company of Harrison County has  
2 earned the 2019 Reclamation Award from the Railroad Commission of  
3 Texas and the 2019 National Mine Reclamation Award from the  
4 Interstate Mining Compact Commission; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, the RRC's Surface Mining and Reclamation  
6 Division recognizes a company for outstanding and innovative  
7 reclamation achievements at Texas coal mines; the winner is  
8 selected according to the criteria of the IMCC's annual Reclamation  
9 Awards program; and

10           WHEREAS, In 2019, the RRC has recognized the Sabine Mining  
11 Company for its successful effort to replant native grasses on  
12 3,400 contiguous acres near its South Hallsville No. 1 Mine in  
13 Harrison County, restoring the land as a habitat for bobwhite  
14 quail, grassland songbirds, pollinating insects, grazing  
15 livestock, and monarch butterflies; and

16           WHEREAS, The reclaimed acreage includes streams and  
17 developed ponds, as well as forested corridors to provide wildlife  
18 with protective cover and access to water; these corridors and  
19 stands of trees were developed under the guidance of biologists and  
20 representatives of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; the  
21 IMCC independently recognized the success of this project by  
22 awarding Sabine the National Mine Reclamation Award in the coal  
23 category; and

24           WHEREAS, A subsidiary of North American Coal Corporation, the

1 Sabine Mining Company operates the South Hallsville No. 1 Mine and  
2 the adjacent Rusk Mine, which together employ more than 280 people;  
3 the two mines help fuel the production of electricity in the Lone  
4 Star State by producing more than four million tons of lignite coal  
5 each year for the H. W. Pirkey Power Plant, which is owned and  
6 operated by Southwestern Electric Power Company, a subsidiary of  
7 American Electric Power; with the support and cooperation of  
8 Southwestern Electric, Sabine has not only met, but exceeded its  
9 reclamation obligations under state and federal law; and

10 WHEREAS, The Sabine Mining Company has made a positive  
11 difference through its land reclamation efforts, and it is truly  
12 deserving of these prestigious awards; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Sabine Mining Company on its  
15 receipt of the 2019 Reclamation Award from the Railroad Commission  
16 of Texas and the 2019 IMCC National Mine Reclamation Award and  
17 extend to the company and its personnel sincere best wishes for  
18 continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the Sabine Mining Company as an expression of high  
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1170

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1170 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House