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H.R. No. 1170

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.