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Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.

Whereas, on August 6, 2007, 6 miners, Kerry Allred, Don Erickson, Luis Hernandez, Carlos Payan, Brandon Phillips, and Manuel Sanchez, were trapped 1,800 feet below ground in the Crandall Canyon coal mine in Emory County, Utah;

Whereas Federal, State, and local rescue crews have worked relentlessly in an effort to find and rescue the trapped miners;

Whereas, on August 16, 2007, Dale “Bird” Black, Gary Jensen, and Brandon Kimber bravely gave their lives and 6 other workers were injured during the rescue efforts;

Whereas Utah is one of the largest coal-producing States in the United States, having produced more than 26,000,000 tons of coal in 2006;

Whereas coal generates more than half of our Nation’s electricity, providing millions of Americans with energy for their homes and businesses;

Whereas coal mining continues to provide economic stability for many communities in Utah and throughout the United States;

Whereas during the last century over 100,000 coal miners have been killed in mining accidents in the Nation’s coal mines; and

Whereas the American people are greatly indebted to coal miners for the difficult and dangerous work they perform: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors Kerry Allred, Don Erickson, Luis
3 Hernandez, Carlos Payan, Brandon Phillips, and
4 Manuel Sanchez, as well as Dale “Bird” Black,
5 Gary Jensen, and Brandon Kimber for their sac-
6 rifice in the Crandall Canyon coal mine;

7 (2) extends the deepest condolences of the Na-
8 tion to the families of these men;

1 (3) recognizes the brave work of the many vol-
2 unteers who participated in the rescue efforts and
3 provided support for the miners' families during res-
4 cue operations; and

5 (4) honors the contribution of coal mines and
6 coal-mining families to America's proud heritage.

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