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**Representative Cera**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Gerberry, Hagan, R., Barborak, Curtin,  
Slesnick, Strahorn, Milkovich, Phillips**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge Congress to enact the Coal Mine Health Care 1  
and Pension Protection Act. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The energy resources of this country have helped to 3  
make it one of the greatest powers in history. The United States 4  
has an ample supply of oil and natural gas, but its greatest 5  
energy resource is coal; and 6

WHEREAS, Coal miners have labored for hundreds of years below 7  
the surface of the earth to bring coal out of the ground in order 8  
for our country to have an abundant, inexpensive source of energy; 9  
and 10

WHEREAS, America's coal miners, who have strengthened 11  
America's economy and resource independence through their 12  
dedicated labor, need their country's financial help now. The 13  
United Mine Workers of America's 1974 pension plan, which supports 14  
more than 100,000 workers, is severely underfunded and on the 15  
brink of insolvency due to the 2008 financial crisis; and 16

WHEREAS, If the 1974 pension plan were to become insolvent, 17  
reductions in union members' pensions would be imminent. This 18

reduction would not only harm the workers and their families, but 19  
the hundreds of small businesses that depend on those pensioners 20  
for their livelihood; now therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 22  
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to 23  
enact the Coal Mine Health Care and Pension Protection Act in 24  
order to ensure that the hard work that Ohio's coal miners perform 25  
every day is rewarded with the pensions they deserve and the 26  
health care benefits they were promised; and be it further 27

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 28  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 29  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 30  
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 31  
Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the 32  
news media of Ohio. 33