

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the seven men killed on January 20, 1982, in a coal
2 mine blast at Mink Branch in Craynor, Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all in this Commonwealth pay proper respect to
4 those men and women who have been injured or have lost their lives in mining accidents;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, one such accident occurred at Mink Branch in Craynor, Kentucky, on
7 January 20, 1982; and

8 WHEREAS, the blast killed seven men, including four members of a single family;
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10 WHEREAS, the seven fatalities were Burnis Hamilton, Don Hamilton, Jack
11 Hamilton, Wade Hamilton, Palmer Edwin McKenny, Ronnie Hall, and Thurman
12 Reynolds; and

13 WHEREAS, January 20, 2019, marked the 37th anniversary of this event, and this
14 august body pauses on this day to reflect on this tragic moment in our Commonwealth's
15 history, while duly honoring the seven men who lost their lives on that fateful winter day;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor the
20 seven men killed on January 20, 1982, in a coal mine blast at Mink Branch in Craynor,
21 Kentucky, and in so doing grant the families of those seven men peace and goodwill on
22 the 37th anniversary of that tragic event.

23 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
24 honor and loving memory of Burnis Hamilton, Don Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Wade
25 Hamilton, Palmer Edwin McKenny, Ronnie Hall, and Thurman Reynolds.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
27 copy of this Resolution to Representative Ashley Tackett Laferty.