

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the deaths of hundreds of miners who died as a result of a coal mine explosion in Soma, Turkey.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 14, 2014, an explosion tore through a coal mine in Soma, Turkey, as more than seven hundred workers prepared for a shift change, and the ensuing fire cut off electricity to the mine, trapping hundreds almost a mile beneath the surface; and

WHEREAS, although three hundred eighty-three miners had been rescued by the day after the explosion, three hundred one deaths have been confirmed, making the Soma mine explosion the most deadly in Turkey's mining history; and

WHEREAS, tragedies of this magnitude transcend geographical boundaries, and it is with great sadness for the loved ones of the deceased and injured miners that the Senate expresses sincere condolences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of miners who died in the Soma, Turkey, explosion and does hereby share in the hopes that peace and comfort will be granted to those who remain.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE