SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 128

Commending the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team took first place overall at the National Mine Rescue Contest in September 2017; and

WHEREAS, located in Big Rock, the Wellmore Coal Company is a subsidiary of Metinvest United Coal Company, which is ranked among the leading producers of metallurgical coal in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 National Mine Rescue Contest took place in Beaver, West Virginia, and was cohosted by the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Holmes Mine Rescue Association; the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team faced worthy competitors from more than 60 teams from around the country; and

WHEREAS, the annual National Mine Rescue Contest is designed to test the skills and knowledge of mine rescue professionals and includes a variety of events, such as the timed assembly of equipment, first aid demonstrations, and the planning and execution of specific mine rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team—Will Altizer, Jonathan Berger, Bill Carroll, Sean Kassay, Terry McClanahan, Shannon Moore, Caleb Schoeff, Bill Slone, Chris Turner, Todd Ward, and Ethan Wibel—all contributed to the victory; and

WHEREAS, the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team's national recognition clearly demonstrates the Company's commitment to minimizing health hazards and enhancing the safety of its mines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team on winning the 2017 National Mine Rescue Contest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Wellmore Coal Company Mine Rescue Red Team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.