

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY & WATER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2008
(Reference to printed resolution)

1 Strike everything after the resolving clause and insert:

2 "Whereas, the United States has more than 140,000 abandoned hardrock
3 mines, and more than 22,000 of these pose environmental hazards that
4 threaten our land, water, fish and wildlife and the communities that depend
5 on them; and

6 Whereas, the mining industry and the conservation community are
7 highly motivated to remedy the environmental challenges created by
8 abandoned mines but are hindered by burdensome red tape and potential and
9 significant liability risks; and

10 Whereas, numerous organizations have expressed a willingness to
11 remediate the damage caused by these long-abandoned mines, but doing so
12 would expose a "Good Samaritan" volunteer to legal liability for all the
13 preexisting pollution from a mine despite having no previous involvement
14 with it; and

15 Whereas, the bipartisan "Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned
16 Hardrock Mines Act" has been introduced in Congress that would allow state
17 agencies, local governments, nonprofit groups and corporations to clean up
18 these abandoned mines, thereby helping to reduce pollution and improve
19 water quality in and around the mining areas; and

20 Whereas, this important legislation creates a path forward for Good
21 Samaritans to work unimpeded and increase the pace and scale of reclamation
22 and, in so doing, create jobs and enhance our nation's environment.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
3 Senate concurring:

4 1. That the Members of the Legislature express their support for the
5 United States Congress to pass the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned
6 Hardrock Mines Act to allow Good Samaritan groups to clean up abandoned
7 mines in this country.

8 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
9 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the
10 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
11 Congress from the State of Arizona."

12 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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