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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association for reaching its 100th Anniversary, and for the many vital contributions of its members to the Nation's economy and to improving the quality of life through the constantly expanding roles stone, sand, and gravel serve in the Nation's everyday life.

Whereas the National Quarry Owners Association, the precursor of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, was founded on May 19, 1903, and represents approximately 800 members with more than 10,000 operations across North America;

Whereas the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, an international trade association with members throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and throughout the world, represents producers of construction aggregates—sand, gravel, and crushed stone—and by product volume is the largest mining trade association in the world;

Whereas the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association has advocated tirelessly for a strong infrastructure and transportation system that serves the Nation's needs and interests;

Whereas the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association is a key member of the Transportation Construction Coalition and a founding member of Americans for Transportation Mobility whose objective is to improve the Nation's roads, bridges, mass transit systems, waterways, airports, and water and wastewater system that are the backbone of the Nation's economy;

Whereas the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association invests valuable resources into improving the professional development of industry employees by sponsoring educational seminars, and advocates that members maintain a strong and unwavering commitment to safety and health at workplaces;

Whereas the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association believes all legislation and regulations should be based on sound science and encourages members to meet all established environmental, safety, and health regulatory requirements, and where possible to do better than the law or regulation requires;

Whereas among the environmental benefits of the use of aggregates are erosion and flood control, reclaimed land

and water improvements, wildlife and habitat creation and enhancement, water and sewage treatment plant construction, flue gas desulfurization, acid neutralization, and storm water runoff prevention;

Whereas the research and development supported by the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association is creating increasingly superior asphalt and concrete products that are cost-effective, easier to maintain, and have a longer life span, resulting in significant savings for taxpayers;

Whereas 400 tons of aggregate is used on average per home and aggregate composes 80 percent of concrete and 94 percent of asphalt, making stone, sand, and gravel quarries essential members of communities as the product contributes to both the development and continued growth of neighborhoods;

Whereas the multi-modal transportation system, homes, skyscrapers, schools, hospitals, and many other structures created through the use of stone, sand, and gravel have made the economy of the United States the largest and strongest in the world providing an un-matched quality of life;

Whereas pulverized aggregates are used in the manufacture of such varied household items as paper, paint, plastics, roofing materials, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, toothpaste, and cleansers that are important to the Nation's culture and quality of life; and

Whereas the leaders in the aggregates industry are continuously demonstrating their willingness and desire to act and operate responsibly in serving the construction needs of the country by respecting and observing the well-being

and the environmental sensibilities of the communities of which they are an important part: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) acknowledges the achievements of the Na-
 4 tional Stone, Sand & Gravel Association and cele-
 5 brates this 100th anniversary milestone;

6 (2) recognizes the grand impact the National
 7 Stone, Sand & Gravel Association and its members
 8 have had on the business, social, and cultural land-
 9 scape by helping create an unparalleled quality of
 10 life in the United States; and

11 (3) congratulates the National Stone, Sand &
 12 Gravel Association for this achievement and chal-
 13 lenges the association and its members to continue
 14 its tradition of excellence, increase research and de-
 15 velopment for the benefit of consumers, and to con-
 16 tinue its vital advocacy in support of a strong trans-
 17 portation system for the Nation.

Passed the House of Representatives November 4,
 2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.