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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 10, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in memory of workers killed, injured and  
3 disabled in the workplace and in recognition of the efforts  
4 of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council.

5 WHEREAS, Every year in America, a great number of workers are  
6 killed as a result of workplace injuries and occupational  
7 diseases; and

8 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics has  
9 reported that in 2014, more than 4,679 workers suffered fatal  
10 injuries in the workplace and nearly 3 million individuals  
11 suffered nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2014, 175 Pennsylvania workers lost their lives  
13 due to fatal accidents in the workplace; and

14 WHEREAS, While the official "National Workers' Memorial Day"  
15 is celebrated annually on April 28, the Greater Wilkes-Barre  
16 Labor Council and other concerned residents are determined to  
17 prevent these tragedies with a local observation of "National

1 Workers' Memorial Day" on April 27, 2017, as a day to remember  
2 these victims of workplace injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the local observance of this day, the  
4 Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council renews efforts to seek  
5 stronger safety and health protections, better standards and  
6 enforcement and fair and just compensation, and improve the  
7 health and safety of every American workplace; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
9 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania in memory  
10 of workers killed, injured and disabled in the workplace and in  
11 recognition of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council's efforts  
12 and the tenth annual local "Workers' Memorial Day" program and  
13 candlelight vigil service.