

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2012, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year on April 28, communities and worksites
4 around the world honor friends, family members and colleagues
5 who have been killed or injured on the job; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported
7 that in 2010, more than 4,500 workers suffered fatal workplace
8 injuries and nearly 3 million individuals suffered work-related
9 injuries and illnesses, and experts estimate that at least
10 50,000 deaths occur annually as a result of occupational
11 diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2010, 219 workers were lost through fatal
13 workplace accidents in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, While news reports often focus our attention on

1 disastrous workplace events, most of these workers die
2 individually with little public attention; and

3 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the memory of the
4 courageous and dedicated members of Pennsylvania's labor force
5 who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of
6 workplace accidents; and

7 WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of Pennsylvania's work
8 force and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of
9 our Commonwealth is necessary; and

10 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to call for vigilance and
11 increased safety in the workplace; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wishes to pay tribute
13 to workers who have died or who have been injured or disabled in
14 workplace accidents, to honor the contributions of
15 Pennsylvania's work force and to call for increased workplace
16 safety; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
18 28, 2012, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.