

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Jaret Gibbons

DATE: April 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Request: Resolution honoring the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on its 40th anniversary.

In the near future I will be introducing a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

In response to over 100 years of hazardous and fatal industrial practices, President Richard M. Nixon signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which provided for the establishment of OSHA. Since its first day of operation on April 28th, 1971, OSHA has committed to enforcing standards that promote safe and healthy work environments for American workers.

Over the agency's 40 years of service, OSHA has strengthened regulations that limit workers' exposure to harmful chemicals and carcinogens, resulting a massive reduction of chemically induced illnesses and diseases among workers. As of 2009, OSHA reported that 12 workers die on the job every day and 3.3 million men and women sustain work-related injuries or illnesses. However, thanks to OSHA, workplace fatalities have been reduced by 65% since 1970.

Protecting American workers and providing a safe and healthy work environment strengthens both the American workforce and the economy. I invite you to join me in recognizing OSHA's efforts and contributions on their 40th anniversary.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Susan Finger at 705-2060, or email sfinger@pahouse.net.