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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 23,
2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and
2 Health Administration.

3 WHEREAS, On December 29, 1970, President Richard M. Nixon
4 signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which set forth
5 regulations for best practices for a safe and healthy work
6 environment in reaction to more than 100 years of hazardous and
7 deadly industrial practices; and

8 WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Act created the
9 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), under the
10 United States Department of Labor, to enforce stricter work-
11 place regulations to reduce job-related illnesses, injuries and
12 fatalities; and

13 WHEREAS, OSHA has strengthened regulations that limit
14 workers' exposure to hazardous chemicals and carcinogens,
15 including asbestos, inorganic arsenic, beryllium and cotton

1 dust, resulting in a massive reduction of chemically induced
2 illnesses and disease among workers; and

3 WHEREAS, According to OSHA, workplace fatalities have been
4 reduced by 65% since 1970; and

5 WHEREAS, As of 2009, OSHA reported that 12 workers die on the
6 job every day and 3.3 million men and women sustain work-related
7 injuries or illnesses; and

8 WHEREAS, OSHA helps ensure the health and safety of America's
9 work force; and

10 WHEREAS, A safe and healthy work force is the engine that
11 drives our strong American economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Fewer workplace accidents and diseases reduce the
13 number of workers' compensation claims and lower costs for
14 American businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, OSHA lends support to the private and public sectors
16 through OSHA Training Institute Education Centers, which offer
17 curricula to train compliance officers in an effort to create
18 and maintain safe and healthy workplaces; and

19 WHEREAS, OSHA began operations on April 28, 1971, and has
20 enforced standards for 40 years that protect 130 million
21 American workers annually; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 40th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health
24 Administration and its efforts to protect American workers and
25 their families.