
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 15, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2015, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each 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 2013 more than 4,400 workers suffered fatal workplace
8 injuries and more than three million nonfatal work-related
9 injuries and illnesses occurred; and

10 WHEREAS, Experts estimate that at least 50,000 deaths occur
11 annually as a result of occupational diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2013, 178 workers lost their lives due to
13 workplace accidents in this Commonwealth, a decrease from 194
14 fatal workplace accidents in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, Fatal occupational injuries in this Commonwealth
2 have ranged from a high of 354 in 1994, to a low of 168 in 2009;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 2013, nearly three times as many firefighters
5 suffered fatal workplace injuries nationwide, increasing to 53
6 fatalities in 2013 from 18 fatalities in 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, the largest number of fatalities in this
8 Commonwealth occurred in the transportation and warehousing
9 sector, including the truck transportation sector, followed by
10 the construction industry, including specialty trade
11 contractors, and manufacturing sectors; and

12 WHEREAS, While news reports often focus our attention on
13 disastrous workplace events, most of these workers die
14 individually with little public attention; and

15 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the memory of the
16 courageous and dedicated members of this Commonwealth's labor
17 force who have been injured, disabled or who have died as a
18 result of workplace accidents or occupational diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of this Commonwealth's
20 work force and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth
21 of our Commonwealth is necessary; and

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

24 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wishes to pay tribute
25 to workers who have died, been injured or disabled as a result
26 of workplace accidents or occupational diseases, to honor the
27 contributions of this Commonwealth's work force and to call for
28 increased workplace safety; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
30 28, 2015, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.