
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 20, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2013, 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 2011, more than 4,600 workers suffered fatal workplace
8 injuries and nearly 3 million individuals suffered nonfatal
9 work-related injuries and illnesses, and experts estimate that
10 at least 50,000 deaths occur annually as a result of
11 occupational diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2011, 186 workers were lost through fatal
13 workplace accidents in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Fatal occupational injuries in this Commonwealth

1 have ranged from a high of 354 in 1994, to a low of 168 in 2009;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, the transportation and warehousing industry
4 sectors and the construction industry sector had the largest
5 number of fatalities in this Commonwealth; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of Pennsylvania's work
14 force and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of
15 our Commonwealth is necessary; and

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

18 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wishes to pay tribute
19 to workers who have died or who have been injured or disabled in
20 workplace accidents, to honor the contributions of
21 Pennsylvania's work force and to call for increased workplace
22 safety; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
24 28, 2013, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.