

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Senator Ananich, Alexander, Bayer, Brinks, Bullock, Chang, Geiss, Hollier, Lucido, MacDonald, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, Wojno and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate April 28, 2019, as Workers'
2 Memorial Day.

3 Whereas, Every year on April 28, in cities, towns, at
4 worksites, and memorials in communities around the world, we gather
5 to honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been
6 killed or injured on the job; and

7 Whereas, More than 579,000 workers' lives have been saved
8 since the passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act in
9 1970, but many workers remain in serious danger; and

10 Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that

1 5,190 fatal work injuries were recorded in the United States in
2 2016 and an estimated 50,000-60,000 died from occupational
3 diseases; and

4 Whereas, In 2017, 153 workers were lost through fatal
5 workplace accidents in Michigan and 93,900 injuries and illnesses
6 were reported in Michigan; and

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

11 Whereas, We remember those who have died in workplace
12 catastrophes, suffered occupation-related diseases, or have been
13 injured due to dangerous conditions; and

14 Whereas, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's work force
15 and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state
16 is necessary; and

17 Whereas, The Senate wishes to pay tribute to the workers who
18 have died, been injured, or disabled in workplace accidents; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
21 commemorate April 28, 2019, as Workers' Memorial Day; and be it
22 further

23 Resolved, That we honor the contributions of Michigan's work
24 force and call for increased workplace safety in our state.