

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Reps. Bellino, Wendzel and Lasinski offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 18, 2019, as Gas Utility Worker
2 Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, More than three-fourths of Michigan households use
4 natural gas as their primary source for home heating. This makes
5 Michigan among the top five states in residential use of natural
6 gas and the top ten for total gas consumption; and

7 Whereas, Michigan has the largest underground natural gas
8 storage capacity in the nation, holding more than one-tenth of the
9 U.S. total. The state has the second largest number of natural gas
10 storage fields; and

11 Whereas, Michigan has more than 110,000 miles of pipelines
12 that deliver natural gas to individual homes and businesses; and

1 Whereas, Natural gas workers maintain a network of gas
2 infrastructure assets that provide communities across Michigan with
3 warm homes and businesses and cleaner electricity. It is important
4 for Michigan to honor and recognize these men and women for their
5 efforts in keeping homes and businesses warm and ensuring the
6 delivery of the fuel for manufacturing processes and electricity
7 production. At a moment's notice, these brave men and women work in
8 all weather systems and face dangerous conditions in order to
9 maintain the energy infrastructure of our state; and

10 Whereas, Working in and around roadways is often required by
11 employees who provide gas service which presents a daily danger.
12 The Michigan Legislature has passed several public acts to require
13 drivers to drive safely in workzones and provide penalties for
14 those who don't respect these workzones; and

15 Whereas, Safety is a vital aspect to natural gas transmission
16 and distribution and the employees of transmission and distribution
17 companies endeavor to make natural gas delivery as safe as
18 possible; and

19 Whereas, March 18 is the date of the New London, Texas school
20 explosion in 1937 that led to the widespread odorization of natural
21 gas and an increased emphasis on natural gas safety; and

22 Whereas, March 18th is a national day of recognition for Gas
23 Utility's Worker's Day as a way to build awareness about the hard
24 work done by employees of natural gas utilities; now, therefore, be
25 it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare March 18, 2019, as Gas Utility Worker
28 Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.