

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Reps. Weiss, Koleszar, B. Carter, Wilson, McFall, Tsernoglou, Pohutsky, T. Carter, Martus, Byrnes, Andrews, Mentzer, Hope, O'Neal, Neeley, McKinney and Wegela offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 28, 2025, as Workers Memorial
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, On April 28th, 1971, the Occupational Safety and
4 Health Act (OSHA) went into effect, promising every worker the
5 right to safe employment; and

6 Whereas, Every year on April 28th, communities and worksites
7 around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who
8 have been killed or injured on the job; and

9 Whereas, The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health
10 Administration (MIOSHA) reported 112 "covered" workplace fatalities
11 between 2022 and 2024—each of these fatalities represents a worker

1 who did not return home from their workday; and

2 Whereas, National fatality statistics compiled by the U.S.
3 Bureau of Labor Statistics, which include transportation accidents,
4 heart attacks, and other causes not "covered" by MIOSHA, recorded
5 over 16,000 workplace deaths between 2021 and 2023; and

6 Whereas, While definitions may differ, each of these numbers
7 represents a life lost and underscores the critical importance of
8 workplace safety and health standards; and

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

13 Whereas, We remember those who have died in workplace
14 catastrophes, suffered occupational diseases, or been injured due
15 to unsafe working conditions; and

16 Whereas, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce
17 and its contributions to the economic growth of our state is vital;
18 and

19 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives wishes to pay
20 tribute to the workers who have died, been injured, or disabled in
21 workplace accidents. We call for continued vigilance and action to
22 prevent future tragedies and protect Michigan's valued labor force;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare April 28, 2025, as Workers Memorial
26 Day in the state of Michigan.