

Senators Whitmer, Anderson, Bieda, Hopgood, Johnson, Gregory, Young, Hunter, Smith, Warren and Hood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 43.

A resolution designating April 28, 2013, as Workers' Memorial Day in Michigan.

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

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that in 2011, more than 4,600 workers suffered fatal workplace injuries, and nearly 3 million individuals suffered nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses. Experts estimate that at least 50,000 deaths occur annually as a result of occupational diseases; and

Whereas, In 2011, 139 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

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

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

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

Whereas, The Michigan Senate wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's work force and call for increased workplace safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby designate April 28, 2013, as Workers' Memorial Day in Michigan.