

Senator Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 41.

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

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

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

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 5,190 fatal work injuries were recorded in the United States in 2016 and an estimated 50,000-60,000 died from occupational diseases; and

Whereas, In 2017, 153 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan and 93,900 injuries and illnesses were reported 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, disabled, or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

Whereas, We remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupation-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 Senate wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died, been injured, or disabled in workplace accidents; now, therefore, be it

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

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