

Rep. Camilleri offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 75.

A resolution to declare April 28, 2017, as Worker Memorial Day in the state of 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 more than 4,800 workers suffered fatal workplace injuries in 2015, the highest count since 2008. Nearly 3 million individuals suffered nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses in 2015, including almost 110,000 workers in Michigan. Experts estimate that at least 50,000 deaths occur annually as a result of occupational diseases; and

Whereas, One hundred thirty-four workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan in 2015; 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 because of dangerous conditions; and

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

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

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 28, 2017, as Worker Memorial Day in the state of Michigan.